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PREFATORY NOTE.

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H. DODWELL,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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To Mᴿ : JOHN NICKS
CHIEFE &Cᴬ : COUNCILL.

Wee are well satisfyed to hear of your success with your wilfull unreasonable Merchants as to the prices of the Silver [Corrall] & Aurora 27 yᵉ half peece but the Corrall is not yett agreed upon they desiering our forbearance in that for some time when shall expect noe more from your Merchants then they pay which they cannot in reason dispute considering the many advantages & conveniences they have beyound ours, as we formerly wrott you ; therefore lett these matters occation noe difference or delay in their business but on the Contrary hasten the performance of their Contract both in quallety & tyme having two shipps allready in our Road & but small Supplyes of goods from the bay which must press your greater dilligence as also att Portonova hearing they are very backward there we would have the Chiefe visit them when occasion will ℘mitt to forward them therein but it must be with as little charge as possible & his stay as short he must also endeavor to Compose differences there with the Government & rather Compose it by a reasonable present (the want whereof makes them troublesome) then lett our business be obstructed at a tyme when we are in great want of goods & to encourage those & the Conomeer Merchants you may assure them of a more favourable Contract after their due Complyance with this Mʳ : Bett writes the President of [many errors ?] in the Cudduloor & Portonova books which lett be [stricttly enquired] into & Corrected sending us the state thereof that [we] may adjust our Accᵗᵗˢ : with them by the Pearl friggatt we shall suddainly send you some Bengall packing stuff & ffactors provisions for both places which is all presents from

Your faithfull affectionate freinds

ELIHU YALE.
NATT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
WILL : CAWLY.
THO : GRAY.

TO THE HONᴮᴸᴱ : FRANCIS MARTIN
ATT POLLICHIRRY.

The arrivall of Monsʳ : Bruant &cᵃ : will ffully acquaint yoʳ : Honʳ : of the affair you wrott me about & of their usage here ; The shipp our admirall att Bengall sent hither he writes me that shee belonged to the King of Syam which is known to many here as also by yᵉ confession of severall of her ffrench Seamen : but if your Honʳ : can evidence the Contrary & prove her to belong to the French

Royall Comp^{a}: she shall readely be surrenderd with all that belongs to her; Therefore desier yor: Hon^{r}: will send some discreet person to argue the case in our Court [of] Admirallty where it shall be tryed with great care & Justice, I being very desierous to preserve & improve amity & a good & friendly Correspondance betwixt us hoping likewise you will endeavor it on your part and not upon any pretence or covert whatever protect or srowd [*sic*] our Enemyes or their Shipps from Justice His Majestie the King of Great Brittain having out his Comissions against them for the unsufferable wrongs & abusees we have Rec^{d}: from them. I have & shall make the best search I can for those three ffrenchmen of Monsr: Bruants escaped from our shipps but as yett can hear no news of them so soon as I doe shall advise it & secure them for your service, tho the greatest care, and watchfullness of our Europe Commanders cannot prevent their seamens running from them as by too many unhappy examples however the greatest dilligence shall be used for the recovery of yo^{rs}: which is whatt presents from

January y^{e}: 4 : 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Honorable
Your most humble servant
ELIHU YALE.

JANUARY THE 14 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO M^{R}: JOHN NICKS CHIEFE
&C^{A}: ATT CONOMEER.

The Pearl being out of repair we have sent her to Porto Nova to fitt which you must assist & hasten her in all you can possably that shee may bring those & Conomeer goods for the Rochester wherein use your utmost endeavors & rather [than] disapoynt us, You may oblige the Governm^{t}: by a small ℘sent not to impeed yor: business. This Shipp also gives us oportunity to Supply you with Packing stuff & provisions which you must Crd^{t}: us for as ℘ Invoyce we shall Crd^{t}: you for what you expend upon the Pearle which send as a particularr acco^{t}: of & be very ffrugall therein One of the pipes of Canary you are to send to Portonova or so much as may be Comfortably proportionable to their Comp^{a}: which is all ℘sents from

Your ffaithfull affectionate friends

Mem: to send their Gen^{ll}: Books of Conomeer & Cudduloor for 1687.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
ROBERT FREEMAN.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: CAWLY.
THO: GRAY.

JANUARY Y^{E} 15TH 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO M^{R}: JOHN STABLES CHEIFE &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT VIZIAGAPATAM.

We are with yours of the 11 & 15 October 22 Decem[ber] and 2 of January, you had sooner hard from us had there be[en] anything materiall to have advised or orderd you we were also in great hopes of the much wanted Supply of your Investment to furnish a lading for Europe but yours by the Williamson has unhappely disapoynted our expectations but we hope tis not occasioned from any fault or remisness but an unavoydable necessety of a poor & troubleed Countery & Merch^{ts}: and will be safe tho tedious; but we must blame you much if you had any goods in readiness that you did not [take] the oportunity of sending them by the ffrancis tho a free shipp; yett the season groing late & irretrivable

& noe hopes of any more shipps from the bay which you might have Learnt by the Williamson or ffrancis & the Cheif cannot but remember that 'tis the Honble: Compa: Lycence & order to lade their goods upon & employ Countery vessels, when there is none of their own to serve such necessary occations & not to lett their goods lye dead & in danger whilst their shipps returne empty home, and since you seem to excuse yourselves upon the want of a perticular order from us for itt; We doe by vertue of ye Rt: Honble: Compa: ℘mission to us in thatt case ℘mitt you to send your goods hither upon such vessells as you shall thinke safe & Convenient when there is none of the Companyes, and the season can nott wait longer in expectation of one. Butt this can be of little service now since we doubt tis to late in the Monsoon; soe that we design to send a vessell to you suddainly with a Considerable stock in mony & goods as we formerly advised therefore ℘pare yor: Merchts: for it. You surely might have ventured to have sent the packing stuff we writt you so pressingly about being in great want of them but you mention nothing of it nor the Ebony & sticklack which we are equally desierous of & pray lett be yor: utmost endeavors to procure by next oportunity they being bulkey Como: that will help towards the filling our great tonnage Striped betealaes & ordinary neckcloths would be aceptable to the Compa: since best & Cheapest from yor: parts. We are in great want of boats as also of materials to make them so that we must rather expect a Supply from you then [you] from us & tis nott possible any misfortune or alteration can make those things scarce with you since 'twas a place lately eminent for plenty & cheapness Shipp building & most necessaryes for itt being att half the rate as in other parts; therefore we doubt not but your next endeavors will be more successfull & to supply us too with mango boards to make mussolaes which we are in great want of they having also disapoynted us from the Bay.

You misaprehend Mr: Dubois, his Complaint was for want of convenient accomodation & not against you which now you all agreeing in, & that yor: house lodgings are much out of repair & too streight for your Conveniency or the Compa: business we permitt yor: building what may be absolutely necessary, but that you exceed not 500 Pags: therein and manage that with discrestion & frugallity: wherein as to the design of your building take Mr: Halls advice together about it & consider well the Conveniences of your ground; by a draft he sent the President thereof. Our frinds in the bay were too narrow in their advise about the Williamsons stay & dispatch att your Port, the season was yearly enough to have spared her the more time to have brought us more bales which we doubt we shall be greatly wanting of for the Rochester Loading whose dispatch we haste & hope will be the end of this month. You shall have due Crdt: for the amount of yor: Invoyce & the Cost of your flux Phisick which we would have you provide yearly for the hospitall.

We rejoyce att the good news of peace & plenty in your parts that have been lately pressed with the Contraryes. We thanck God he has [blest] us with some alteration too. Tho grain is still dear yett its plenty has Ceased the miseries of a famin & since it is so very cheap in yor: parts we would have you keep a store by you, as also of Packing stuff (which is very scarce & dear with us) to lye ready for any ship that shall fall into your Port & be sure to fill all that comes there being noe proffitt in emptyness.

We are nott att all fond of renting Viziagapatam town except you can take it so as it may be advantageous to the Compa: att least no charge; hitherto they have lost greatly by itt without any benefitt to their affairs that we could ever yett apprehend; therefore be very Considerate what you resolve & doe therein but if you can doe itt without loss we approve itt for ye: reputation & Conveniencey as likewise that it may be a means to oblige the Seer Lascar & Continue his freindshipp. You give us a farr different accot: from Mr: Browns of the vallue & Currantness of Rups: he made them much better then Pags: but you worse, the Bengall shipps may possibly bring us some when we shall furnish you for the experiment & if more advantageous then Pags: for the Rt: Honble: Compas: trade shall Supply you accordingly.

We have Recd : your severall books & accots : which after ℘usal shall give you our opinions of them & yor management & ffrugallity. And you must manage yor : troubles with the little Governers with as great prudence & as little charge as possible but you know the occasion & ends is for their proffitt, however give them noe just occation of Complaint & lett nott differences run too farr.

We are well satisfyed in yor : good Correspondance with the Seer Lascar & assurance of his favour & encouragemt : approving those passes you have given those boats but we shall send you ours by next oportunity & you may assure him his business shall rather finde respect & assistance then any oposition or prejudice from us as also those belonging to him & his Governmt : provided they be equally civill to you & your affairs there. We shall call James Wheeler to accot : for the freight of his goods from Bengall on the Loretta which he was unreasonabely impertinent to deny you was it not a suffitient kindness for him & his famely to live upon the Compa : bread att your ffactory (which you had no reason to allow) but that he must employ their shipping gratis too which can't approve.

We shall Crdt : you for the pags : 33 : 21 paid the Lorettaes Lascars & bring Mr : Brown to an accot : for the stores and Cordage made use of by him & his own Shipping.

Elihu Yale.
Natt Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
Willm : Fraser.
Willm : Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

To Capt : James Perriman
Commander of ye Pearle ffrigott.

These are to order yor : repair aboard & sailing for the Port of Conomeer where you are to deliver our Letters to Mr : John Nicks Cheif &ca : Councill whose orders you are to follow to proceed to Portonova to Caulck & fitt your ship & afterwards to bring down whatt bales there are in readiness there & att Conomeer which you must hasten to us for shipp Rochester ; Dated att ffort St : George in ye Citty of Madrass this [*lacuna*] January 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Elihu Yale.
Natt Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
Willm ; Fraser.
Willm : Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

Fort St : George the 20th January 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Honorable

I receved & perused yor : Honrs : letter of the $\frac{10}{20}$ Inst : which being a poynt of Law I recommended it to Sr : John Biggs Judge of our Court of Admirallty ; whose study & business it is more then mine ; who now gives yor : Honr : his answer & opinion which I hope will fully satisfy you in that case if not I have advised him to defer his procedings in Court about that Shipp till he Receives yor : farther answer or that some person is authorized from yor ; Honr : to dispute the matter here as for the Protest you mention to be given by Monsr : De Laudrees in Bengall they have given me notice of itt however that imports not much since the truth of the case is as well known to you as him.

ffor yor : resentment of or : admirall examining your Shipps I cannot but think all the world would Judge it just & reasonable to enquier into the title of such shipps as are known to have lately been the Enemyes as also that 'tis

necessary for such shipps to carry the testimonialls of their alienation with them, espesually when they are commanded & man'd by that nation of whome many have protected & seemed o^r: Enemyes & taken their Comission & fought their battles against us, & is not this reason enough to suspect & enquier into such doubtfull Shipps; since no Law does authorize such actions & protections from nations (as ours) in amity otherwise what imports our warr against enemyes so secured, & which way can we hope for Justice from them for their insufferable wrongs & injuries; make the case but your own & undoubtedly your Hon^r: will Judg the more favourable of us. I strictly forbade our Cheif at Conomeer not to entertain any of your Soldiers & that if any were so to dismiss them to yor: Hon^r: but they write me there is no such person in service there but if the Duans they are out of my power. Yo^r: Hon^r: may remember I wrott you last year about too soldiers that fledd from Conomeer & were protected at Pullicherry whose passage & charge from England Cost the Honble: Comp^as: 30 pagodaes each: but the men were never yett return'd nor any satisfaction for them.

I assure yor: Hon^r: I have & shall make strickt enquiery after those 3 ffrench soldiers that were aboard o^r: shipp Williamson, but cannot yett find them when I doe they shall most Certainly be return'd yor: Hon^r: as obliged being

Yo^r: Hon^rs: most faithfull servaut
Elihu Yale.

Fort St George ye 20 January 168 8/9.

Honoured S^r:

I acknowledg the Civillity of your letters and Congratulate yor: safety att Pollicherry where I wish you happy. I have strictfully used my best indeavors for the recovery of those three Soldiers that left you here but as yett can here no news of them when I doe you may be assured of their returne. I have also forbade of Cheife att Conomeer to entertain any of yor: soldiers who writes me there is noue in their service but passible they may be in the Duans as many of ours and & out of my reach but be assur'd I shall protect none of them from you being

Honoured S^r:
Your obedient servant
Elihu Yale.

Fort S^t: George January ye 20th 168 8/9.

To the Worp^ll: Benjamin Bloom Esqr:
Governer &c^a: Councill at Bencoolen.

The occation of the long delay of these advices aud Supplyes was from a late storme that forced the Bencoolen so farr to Leeward that she could not recover the Road till 2 days past & the Dorrothy was also hinderd by her own repairs; by each we have sent you twenty Soldiers with treasure, stores, Supplyes, liquor, Cattle presents as ℘ perticulars of lists & Invoyce which Crd^t: us for & all other necessaryes we can thinck may be acceptable & Couvenient for you & prcvidable here: We have also double maned the Bencoolen; to furnish you with hands for the Priaman or any other vessell with you that shall want them whereof M^r: John Kiddall comes master who we have entertain'd att 10 pag^s: a month till his takiug possession of such shipp as you shall order him upon and then to Receive the usall pay of Pag^s: 12 ℘ month both him the people & the vesell to be att yor: dispose as occasion shall requier. By reason y^e: Dorrothy is a more safe & secure shipp in many respects we have therefore sent you the greatest part of your treasure by her & but one chest for yor: presant occasion by this hoping the other will soon follow her from Atchein. We have only now with us Shipps Rochester & Williamson the first we are dispatching for England & the other for Persia the Defence Resolution Princess &c^a: continuing still in Bengall at difference with the Governm^t: but we expect them soou here when must dispatch them to you there being noe possibillity of lading them hence goods being not procurable in the Countery by reason of the distruction of the late famin & the Ruine of the Continued warr so that the little trade our merchants were prest to engage in

proves to their great loss & trouble; you must therefore use all Contrivances & endeavours possible to procure sufficient pepper for their ladings, wherein we hope you will be successfull through yor: own Interest & industry and the mighty influence & power of Jenapatwan who can never better signalize himself to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: nor oblige them more then in this exegency; the hopes of his kindness herein has made us greaten our present to him beyound o^{r}: intentions which we doubt not will have its design'd effect by your ingenious management of it.

By the following Shipps we shall send you bricks chinam & more timbers but you have all procurable att presant which with what you have from Europe we hope will make a good accommodation.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
WILL^{M}: CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

TO CAP^{T}: JAMES THWAITS
COMMANDER OF THE DORROTHY FFRIGATT.

Your Shipp being now repaird and fitted & we having laden aboard her what we intend for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Acco^{t}: or what we can procure upon freight these are to order your imedeate repair aboard Shipp sayling so soon as possibly for the Port of Atchein where you are hansomly to dd the Presidents letter & presant to the Queen & to endeavor to excuse and Compose the late differences there occationed by the ffrench Siamers faults & provocations we also recomend to yor: care & dispose the Honble: Comp^{a}: provisions &c^{a}: aboard you as also to receive the freight of the goods you Carry bringing the proceed thereof with you in Gold but you manage this as yor: own it being to inconsiderable a Concern to were the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: name, & whilest you are there you are by vertue of yor: Comission to seiz all mores or Siam Shipps that have not the Generalls or English pass bringing such prizes with you hither to be tryed and adjudged by o^{r}: Court of Admirallty according to order and Law; and the Concluding yor: business at Atchein which must be with all expedition possibly; you are to proceed to Bencoolen on the West Coast of Sumatra, where you goe consigned to the Worp^{ll}: Benjamin Bloom Governor &c^{a} Councill for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: whose orders you are to follow in the dispose of yor: Shipp upon any affairs or voyage they shall Judg necessary for their occasions & the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: interest in the settling that important & much desierd place and trade wherein pray give them yor: best assistance yor: former voyages having given you experience in those parts but we hope according to the Honble: Comp^{a}: advice their occasions will not detain you on the Coast longer then two months & then dispatch you hither full loaden with pepper and good news of their success & prosperity in those parts which we have great hopes of from the powerfull frindshipp & assistance of the great Manacobbo Jenapatwan to whome be very obliging & respectfull. For the 20 soldiers sent aboard you, you are to receive six pence a head ℘ diem till you arrive att Bencoolen where you are to deliver them & their necessaryes with what else consigned them to the Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: so wishing you a good & healthy voyage we date these at ffort S^{t}: George in the Citty of Madrass this 27 day of January 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
WILL^{M}: CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

To CAP^{T} WILLIAM RIDER
COMMANDER OF THE BENCOOLEN FFRIGATT.

Haveing fitted yor: Shipp & laden what we intend aboard her these are to order you & yor: Companyes repair aboard shipp and sayling as soon as possably for the Port of Bencoolen on the west Coast of Sumatra where you goe consign'd to the Worp^{ll}: Benjamin Bloom Governer &c^{a}: Councill for the R^{t}: Honble: East India Company to whome you are to deliver o^{r}: pacquett & follow their orders in the dispose of yor: shipp on shuch voyages as they shall Judg convenient takeing espesuall care of yor: ladeing and frugall expence of yor: stores, and provisions, as also of what else in your charge as well yor: people both Seamen & soldiers in as the fitting yor: shipp & keeping her well in repair so wishing you a good voyage we date these att ffort S^{t}: George in the Citty of Madrass this 30 of January anno 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
WILL^{M}: CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE y^{E} 2 FFEBRUARY 1688

May it please yor: Excellency
R^{t}: Honble:

These comes to Kiss yor: Excellencyes hands & to congratulate yor: safe arrivall to these parts from the troubles & dangers of those treacherous infidells & to give you my due thancks for the favors yor: Excellency has honourd & obliged me with & our people with which I hope they have gratefully acknowledg'd as well by their prudent humble deameanour as dilligent service; and if fortune ever gives me an opertunity yor: Excell: may be assured of my ready zealous indevours to retribute yor: kindness herein it being my great inclination as well as duty to oblige & serve your people to my power that I may not only preserve but improve that amity & friendly Correspondance that is Comanded & expected from the sacred allyance of our good & great Kings & masters & is the indispensible dutyes of their Subjects & I doubt not when yor Excellencye is fully enform'd of all transactions twixt yor: people & ours that yor: Excell: will less'n yor resentment of our admirall Heaths late actions in Bengall which upon his arivall here shall be strictly examined and all justice and kindness done the ffrench therein, but I will not trouble you with the relations of these matters since I have already done it to Monsr: Martin who can rightly enforme you the state on both sides which I know yor: Excell: will here before you Judg in the Case. I am greatly obliged to Monsr: Bruants generous acknowledgment of my poor respects to him here which were to small for his merritt, but had yor: Excell given me the Hon^{r}: of yor: good Comp^{a}: which I was in hopes of, I should endeavourd such a wellcome entertainment, as should have been agreeable to a person of yor: hon^{r}: & meritt but since that happyness is denyed me I begg the Hon^{r}: of yor: Commands for any service within my power. Yo^{r}: three soldiers whome drinck threw into a fault of staying behind the rest which the feer of punishm^{t}: Continued; are according to yor: order delivered to Monsr: Des Caues whose pardon I begg & rely upon the Hon^{r}: of yor: promise for which with my humble service I Kiss yor: hand & remayn

Your Excellencyes
Most ffaithfull & most obedient servant

THO: WAVEL.	ELIHU YALE.
W^{M}: FRASER.	NATT: HIGGINSON.
W^{M}: CAWLY.	JOHN BIGGS.
THOMAS GRAY.	JOHN LITTLETON.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE Y^{E} [*lacuna*] FFEBRUARY $168\frac{8}{9}$.

TO M^{R}: JOHN NICKS
CHIEF &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Yo^{r}: 188 : bales ℘ y^{e}: ffranciss are arrived with their Invoyce &c^{a}: which not being suffitient for y^{e} Rochesters Loading we have sent Shipp Rebecca to bring away the rest which we hope you have brought to a Considerable number but since we cannot expect them to be suffitient to lade her You must imediately to Porto Nova to send down the rest of their bales by boat to be laden on the Rebecca but you must make such expedition that they may be with us by Saturday next att farthest intending to dispatch the Rochester the 20 Ins^{t} : therefore exert all your dilligence that you may not faill us therein. M^{r}: Samuell Owen desiering leave to come to the ffort upon some pretended urgent business, you may ℘mitt it, provided he may be spared from the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: business at Portonova.

That yor: Merchants may be encouraged to hasten in their Investments lett them have the Corrall, Goods & mony according to the agreement & lett us know what they will undertake more upon the same termes & by what time which is all ℘sents from

Your faithfull effectionate friends

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
W^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

TO CAP^{T}: JOHN BROMWELL
COMANDER OF SHIPP ROCHESTER.

We having loaden aboard you all the goods we can procure either upon the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Acco^{t}: or permissive trade these are to order you & yor: Companyes repair aboard Shipp & to sett saill by the first oportunity of wind & weather, steering yor: Cource for the speediest attainm^{t}: of the Port of London in England where upon yor: arrivall at the first Port you are by yor: purser or some carefull person to forward our pacquett to the Honble: Governor &c^{a}: for the R^{t}: Honble : Comp^{a}: as also o^{r}: bagg of perticular letters ; and before yor: departure hence you are to send us a perticular list of the passingers you carry for England & to permitt noe person whatever to goe but such have duly paid their ℘mision mony to the President & that you have his order for their transport as you shall answer the Contrary to their Honours in England, you are also to give us a true list of yor: Shipps Company & keep a just acco^{t}: of all permissive & private trade aboard you, And in yor: way hence you must endeavor the makeing the Port of S^{t}: Hellena where you are to deliver our letter to the Governer &c^{a}: & to joyn with such of the Honble: Comp^{a}: Shipps as you shall meet there ; accompanying them home, the better to strengthen and secure you from Enemyes, which there is some reason to be doubtfull of therefore you must keep the stricter watch and greater care that you be not Surprized by any so desiering yor: Curtuous & Civill entertainment of your Passingers we wish you a short & happy voyage, Dateing these from ffort S^{t}: George in the Citty of Madrass this 21 of ffebruary anno $168\frac{8}{9}$.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
W^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLY.
THO: GRAY.

FFEBRUARY 22 $168\frac{8}{9}$.

To his Excellencey Jehan Bauder
Cawn Nabob of Bengall.

I was honoured with yor : Excellenceys letter of the [*lacuna*] which came to my recepture but the [*sic*] yor : servant falling sick by the way who had sooner return'd but that I waited for this Conveighance of shipping to give him the quicker & better transport.

As to what yor : Excell writes about M^r : Charnock & our peoples actions in yor : parts, I am sorry to here that there has been that occation given by the former Navob & his Sub Governers whose unreasonable injuries, & exactions, yor : Excell : cannot be a stranger to, and how long we patiently sufferd under them in hopes of Justice & satisfaction Complaining also to the king to but o^r : adresses were either intercepted or supprest by o^r : Enemyes so that we could have no redress there nither which sufferings & misfortunes groing intollarable they were forced to leave their ffactoryes & habitations with many goods & debts behind them to their infinate loss & disapoyntment, intending quietely to have left the Countrey, till the Mogull should be sensible of our great wrongs & doe us right therein, & recall us to o^r : settlements & trade which have been of long & great advantage to the king & Countery ; we bringing yearly more treasure then the Dutch & all other nations togather, but our peaceble departure was also obstructed & many of our people plunderd abused & killd without any offence or provocation given to any soe cruell & unjust was those Governers against us but our shipps having past many troubles in comeing down the River they were necessitated to come to an Anchor at a very unhealthfull small Island caled Hudgely & there to secure themselves against the Rage & violence of their persecutors till the Monsoons would permitt them to come hither but they could not rest there nither their cruell mallice still prosecuted them by force of armes which they were forced to defend themselves against which ye Almighty so protected & favoured them in that their Enemyes voluntary desierd a treaty & cessation of Armes which tho our people had the advantage of & might have destroyed many of them yett for peace & quietness sake they Consented & agreed to be friends & deliver up the place to them & the Shipps they had taken upon Articles of agreement rattefyed by y^e : Gen^ll : of their Armey & other of the Kings servants & Confirmd & sign'd also by our people who on their parts imediately & faithfully perform'd it but the Nabob against all Laws of Hon^r : faith or armes notwithstanding his promises & obligations delays & at last refuses the performance of the Articles after our people had discharged theirs, & by their too easy faith & Complyance brought themselves again under his power & tyranny notwithstanding which they still waited patiently a whole year in boats & upon the River side with great loss inconveniencey hardshipp to their persons famelyes & Concernes being still deluded by their fair promises to hope & expect a just Complyance with their Articles but finding all to be but pretences & deceptions they att last resolved again to leave the Countery & for that purpose paid every person their due & so embarked upon their Shipps & parted in great peace & friendshipp with all without the least Complaint or injury from any & Comeing with their Shipps to the road of Ballasore they intended the same there sending for their people & goods off but Contrary to their expectations they were denyed & detained by the Govern^r : And their many after friendly messages & desiers still rejected which made them resonabely resolve to fetch them of in which they also obstructed them all they could fiering severall great Guns wounding & killing many of our people leaving the place at last to them & when they came to Ballasore found our ffactory & goods in flames to our very great loss & prejudice and our people carried Captives up in the Countery refusing to returne or deliver them whereupon our Comanders went back to their shipps without any injury to the people or place tho they might have done what they pleased either to destroy the people or Consume their towns & shipps there being none to resist or oppose them but did noe other injurye then the burning one of our own shipps in the River & so parted. This notwithstanding what senister reports yor : Excell : has had, is the whole state & truth of the matter which yor : Excell : being a person of great

Judgment & equity I leave you to Judg where the fault & wrong lyes and to act accordingly but I know well from your vertuous faime that you preferr the Genll: good of the King and Countery before any private interest or advantage which I am sorry to say yor: predecessor too much studdyed to the great prejudice & almost ruine of a good Countery but now your Excellencey has an oportunity to eternalize yor: memory & honour bye Resettling the English which I shall also indeavour to Comply with provided you will assure me of rightning our many injuries confirming our farmer priviledges granted us by Sultan Suja & long quietlye enjoyed under this presant King his Nabobs and Governers till of late years unjustly alterd by Shasta Cawn & his avaritious ministers to the Country & our unhappy trouble, and if yor: Excell: will also allow us a strong secure place to protect our people & the Honble. Compa: Estates, and trade from the Rage & rapine of ill minded people we shall returne & carry on our trade as formerly, to the employing the poore & enriching the Countery desiering nothing more then peace & Justice which God grant may flourish in yor: time & your Excellencye to live long & happely.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WM: FRASER.
WM: CAWLYE.
THOMAS GRAY.

FORT ST: GEORGE, YE 28 FFEBRUARY 168$\frac{8}{9}$

TO HIS EXCELLENCY SR: JOHN CHILD BARTT,
GENERALL OF ALL THE ENGLISH
FFORCES IN INDIA &CA: COUNCILL.

May it please yor: Excell:

We have waited thus long in hopes to have sent you certain advices of the designe & actions of our forces in Bengal but to this time we have only their doubtfull resolutions & noe other news of their procedings then what the enclosed Generall letter will enforme you to which we referr your Excell: &ca: for that & all other occurranceys in & state of our affairs in those parts to this time which after you have perused please to forward to or: right Honble: Masters by the safest & soonest oportunity that presents.

We also send your Excell: &ca: Coppy of our last by sloop Princess which accompanyed the Rt: Honble: Companyes Pacquetts & many ℘ticular letters which we hope arrived you safely takeing the best Cource for it we could propose to meet with.

The Rochester was dispatcht the 21 Inst: & saild the next night (with her tonnage or very near it in the Honble: Compa: & permissive goods) which we hope will returne her home in season & a welcome shipp to their Honrs: and owners. The Dutch having been very kind & assisting in her repair & fitting att Zealone. We are dispatching the Williamson in few dayes to the West Coast with stock stores & necessaryes where we doubt not she will find a loadeing of pepper to send her thence yearly home 'twould be a great service to the Honble: Compa: if you could spare them some assistance from yor: parts as ffactors soldiers & black labouring handicrafts since we cannot provide suffitient here the loss of the many we formely sent discourageing others to adventure thither, but the place is now more healthy by the Convenient buildings they have made there, which if neglected or deserted or that the pepper trade fails us shall be att an irrecoverable loss that being the Cheif dependance for the loadeing most of our Shipps now in Bengall little being to be expected from these parts the war or famine has destroyd or removed most of the weavors in the Countery so that cloth is soe scarce that we cannot expect to procure more then to lade one shipp haveing had great trouble in procuring what we have done for the Rochester. If the Generall comes not

himself (as we hope he will) pray send us your advice & direction about the dispose of Europe Shipping being the Resolution Princess and Defence & Persia Mercht expected from the west Coast with 7 or 8 Countery Shipps & little or noe employment for them, except for grain which will not half beare their charges groweing plentifull & cheap in all parts. Pray advise if you can provide for any more then you have already upon your hands, & how much tonnage we may send you if we cannot well lade or employ them here, since the Rt: Honble: Compa: writes us we must expect their mindes & orders from you, which when we Receive shall be duly observed to or: power. The last we Recd: from his Excellencey &ca: were of the [*lacuna*] which is so long since that we cannot but doubt his letters are miscarryed or Intercepted since advices are of such great importance to the presant state of the Rt: Honble: Compa: affairs from Mr: Harris &ca: att Surratt we Recd: severall short letters the last of which was of ye [*lacuna*] advising his Excellenceys arrivall att Swally to treat with ye Navob about a Genll: peace & Phirmaund which we earnestly hope & pray may be succesfully effected since our whole relyance is thereon.

We have severall Complaints from Mr: Styleman and Mr: Alvarees & ffactors of the free & permissive China shipping of the great unkindness & disincouragement of one Mr: Salway accidentale Supra cargo of shipp Cæsar both att Malacca & Amoy that he was very Rigorous with them notwithstanding their severall Comissions for warfair Instructions for trade & order for their deportment & to assist the Rt: Honble: Compa: servant whereever they mett them two of the Rt: Honble: Compa: ffactors were also on board with Considerable adventures of theirs Consign'd to them as ℘ their Instructs: & Invoyces, but it seems all would not doe, they must be prisoners, & prohibited trade, & be led Captive with them, or give bonds for we know not what which to save their voyages was consented to, nor was he less impudent to forbid the deliverye of the Presidents Letter to the Genll: &ca: of Amoy, which might be concluded were dictated with as great sence & Considerations of the good of the Rt: Honble: Company, & with as great experience as his wisdome could have framed, but it seemes they Complyed with that too which we are extreamly sorry for being letters of great import satisfying their many doubts, & demandes about an adventure of Tea; Burton Carryed for some of the China Officers also their many Scruples about Mr: Barron, and his unfortunate voyage & miscarrage on the China Junck, & a greater Subject then both was, the excuseing that wicked inhumane action of the English Pyratts takeing & destroying their Junck near Malacca the Cheif of which Compa: came thence hither demanding satisfaction for their losses who were treated with great Civillity & charge returning them upon these Shipps well satisfyed that, were noe occasion of their misfortune detesting & punishing such horred actions, three sad examples thereof they were spectators of & these things were urged to him to be the Contents of the letter, notwithstanding they must be silenced & his own unexperienced products preferd wherein we thinck he did much amiss in accepting a list of their losses which Mr: Barron upon ye Junck giving them encouragement in his Letter, to hope a satisfaction which most Certainly they will expect & may sometime fall heavye upon the Rt: Honble: Compa: or perticular traders thither which we doubt so ill a Government & people will improve to their advantage then his takeing the Honble: Company mony from Mr: Wilcox, to pay some unreasonable Chinees demands on Capt: Burton for Thea sold here by him for some Chinees Accot: the real product whereof was paid but they being not contented with the produce preses for more which Mr: Salway thought fitt to grant out of the Honble: Compa: Cash which will be difficult to recover by Justice from Capt: Burton with the advance thereon from China which shall be legally indeavoured but if not procureable we leave it to yor: Excell: &ca: to consider whether Mr: Salway ought to endemnifye their honrs: Mr: Wilcox telling us twas his sole advice & act there are many other Complaints which we omitt, but could not these from the importunity of our friends believing such actions Contrary to the orders & desiers, therefore we doubt not you will prevent them for the future otherways it may prove a great disincouragement to our trade, which their honrs: pressingly desiers, and Comands us to promote all we can which has been our indeavors it redounding to their great advantage by improving

the Revennues & Customes of y^{e}: Cittye and strengthing & enriching it, with men mony shipping the want whereof will soon Reduce it to a chargable inconsiderable place which we know you wish & designe better to.

The last shipp from China & Malacca arriving here yesterday can tell us noe news of our Tonqueen shipping which make us doubt their safety or that the troubles of those parts detain them there, which with our respects is what offers from

Yo^{r}: Excell: &c^{a}:
Most faithfull freinds &
Servants

Elihu Yale.
Natt: Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
Willm: Fraser.
W^{m}: Cawlye.
Thomas Gray.

Fort S^{t}: George y^{e} 28 ffebruary 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

To M^{r}; John Nicks
Cheif &c^{a}: Councill att Conomeer.

We Rec^{d}: your severalls with all the goods from your place & Porto Nova as also the wood on the ffrench Sloop for all which shall Crd^{t}; you, & must desier your greatest dilligence in hastening the remainder of your Contract that we may be able to send an yearly shipp home, & engage upon a new Investment on the same sorts & termes as formerley on which discource yor: merchants & lett us know their enclinations that we may provide accordingly. Severall English that came to us from Siam on the ffrench shipp are come hither if there be any more left order them also to us & give the ffrench noe occasion of Complaint about your drawing away or entertaining their people.

We Rec^{d}; Coppyes of Gen^{ll}; Books F pray hasten the others as also the Porto Nova Books with your Consultasions dyaryes Pursers & stewards acco^{ts}: that we may see yor: managem^{t}: & charge; & adjust acco^{ts}; You must Compose the troubles you meet with on the best termes you can wherein be as prudent & frugall as possable, since as we referr the greater affair to your discrestion so we must the less, not being able to give you any limitts or perticular directions in such emergenceys.

Yo^{r}: advices about the Countery affairs are very acceptable, Continue them to us and be watchfull of yor: ffactorye that you be not Surprized on either side as also inquisitive into the Dutch & ffrench procedings & which way their Armado looks. Last night unhappely drove ashore the Loretta which long waited Monsr: Martins sending people to Defend her tryall in the Court of Admirallty. You did well to spare the Pearl ffrigatt the stray yawl which rightly falls to the Comp^{a}: which is all from

Your faithfull affectionate freinds

Elihu Yale.
Natt: Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
William Fraser.
William Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

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To MR JOHN STABLES
CHEIFE &CA: COUNCILL AT VIZIAGAPATAM.

This brings you Coppy of our last since it was sent you through dangers, overland, & comes by the Pearl & Madrass ffrigats whose cheif business is to fitt & repair in your Port Bengall & Tenascerye being att presant lost to us; therefore they being the Comp^a: shipps assist them in what you can charging us with the expence severally, lett them also have what stores you have & can well spare them dispatching at least one of them as soon as fitted with your goods to us which would have been more welcome & acceptable for the Rochester who wanted them & if you had any bales ready, you were [to nice] in not sending them by the severall good Conveighances that offerd; and your last Investment fell much short of promise & expectation yett hopeing the next will be better, we according to our promise have sent you by ye Pearl to the Amo^t: of 25,000 for a new Investment to be Ready if possible for a September Shipp & comes in Pag^s 15,000 silver 5,000 & Europe goods 5,000 as ℘ Invoyce wherein you have much more Cash & less silver, and goods in proportion then our Merch^ts: here, or many other ffactoryes & the Reason is to encourage your poore Merchants that they may discharge their Contracts Puncktually both in quallety & time, to yor: Crd^ts: & theirs, & to make Europe goods more Curr^t: & vendible you may spare them something cheaper then formerly provided you increase the quantety.

We send you also some more assistance vizt: John Oneel Henery Croke Thomas Stables & tho tis not comon for Relations to be togather yett in respect to his father we now dispence with it, not doubting M^r: Stables will be any ways partiall to his son or spare him from such business as the Honble: Comp^a: service may requier him.

Mr: Dubois formerly desiering y^e: Presidents leave to come up to the ffort but your Investment then not being finished we could not then permitt it, but now he may if his business requiers it & you can well spare him. To encourage yor dilligent faithfull managem^t: of the Honble: Comp^a: business we have sent you a pipe of Canary which will long serve your small famelye with indiferent good husbandry & haveing nothing more to advise you we rest

Your faithfull effectionate freinds

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLYE.
THOMAS GRAY.

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To RASHARRADD [. . .]Y^E MOGULLS
DUAN ATT CORRAPA.

The good news of yor: health & success was most welcome to me which I wish may have a lasting encrease with much hon^r: & happyness till life grows a burden to age, & not worth a desier.

Twas undoubtedly a heavenly providence that brought so just & wise a person to favour & Incourage the pore Inhabitants of a declining Countery; the labouring part whereof are so few left that without great care & incouragement, the trade of the Countery will be ruined into little or nothing but I doubt not the blessings of your Comfortable shades will recover & nourish all the droopeing & dyeing Srupps.

I am extreamly satisfyed with the Kind assurance of yor: friendshipp & Correspondance which I am very ambitious of from the great Charracter of yor: wisdome & goodness & shall studdy always to preserve & promote it; & therefore upon

yor: desier & advice I have sent you our last years rent mony Pag^s^: 1200 notwithstanding that by our Phirmaund we are to pay only to the King but I belive your friendship & justice is to great to lett us suffer any ways for the not observing that poynt of our Phirmaund desiering that you will pleas to send me a Rec^t^: & full discharge for the same, that may satisfye all others that may demand it hereafter. I also begg your acceptance of a small token of my freindly respects which I hope may be acceptable, till something better offers that may be more worthy yor: esteem soe requesting yor: Continuance of yor: freindshipp & kind & frequent Correspondence I wish you all happyness.

ELIHU YALE.

MARCH Y^E^ 8 $168\frac{8}{9}$.

To M^R^: JOHN NICKS &C^A^:

We should have sooner sent you y^e^ wanted & desiered amunition &c^a^: had a sea oportunity offerd being dangerous & difficult to send it by land but now haveing about 15 shipps & vessells of the Honble: Comp^a^: in the Road we can well spare one for that service w^ch^: att presant is Sloop Beaufort which brings you as ℘ Invoyce which Crd^t^: us for & returne us what bales you have in readyness or send her to Porto Nova forbidding them to employ any more Countery vessels with the Comp^a^: goods haveing lately Rec^d^: 75 bales from them by a smal Defenceless sloop notwithstanding they were soe imprudent to allow $\frac{3}{4}$ Pag^o^: ℘ bale which is very unreasonable & more then we have long given with the Amunition we also send you 20 soldiers by the sloop & Sergant for your Defence whome you must keep to their duties & usall pay giving leave to Sergant [*lacuna*] to returne hither. Capt: Sharp Comander of Resolution being now bound for England & destitute of Chirurgeon requiers Blackwall to returne to that employment which he belonged to in his shipp & left without his Consent otherwise will shew his bond in England which is what presents from

Yo^r^: affectionate friends
ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILL^M^: FRASER.
WILL^M^: CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

To CAP^T^: JAMES PERRIMAN
COMANDER OF THE PEARL FFRIGATT.

We haveing loaden aboard you what goods & treasure necessary these are to order your imediate repair aboard & sett sail for the Port of Viziagapatam where upon yor: arrivall you are to deliver our pacquett to the Cheif &c^a^: Councill there whome you goe Consign'd to and follow their future orders we date these at ffort S^t^: George in the Citty of Madrass this 11 day of March $168\frac{8}{9}$.

ELIHU YALE.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
WILL^M^: FRASER.
WILL^M^: CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

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TO THE WORPLL: BENJAMIN BLOOM
GOVERNR: OF YORK FFORT &cA: COUNCILL.

Since our severall letters to you by the Dorrothy & Success ffrigats, is arrived from you ye: Madrass frigatt with yor: of the 10 16 20 & 24 of Decr: last wherein we were greatly surprised & disapoynted to find a return without a loading of pepper or anything elce to compensate her great charge, besides such defects are agrivated by ye want our Tonnage has of them, & at home also, but we beleive Mr: Blooms care is to great to lett anything but an absolute necessetye occation it which we hope your better Supplyes will prevent for the future.

We are extreamly satisfyed at yor: loadeing & dispatching of the Royall James but very sorry that Capt: Cooks kind stay should prove the fatall occ[a]tion of his end, but hope the Almighty will protect the rest of her Crew safely to England where she will undoubtedly be welcome to her Rt: Honble: Masters; we shall duly Crdt: you for her Cargo as also the Success frigots who at last is arrived with her short Cargo of pepper but very oportunely for the Rochesters lately dispatched home.

The servisableness of ye Mussolas sent you formely encouraged us to send you more but since the Mallayos will not be perswaded to use them nor we able to furnish you with Muckwaes you had best returne the boats we haveing great occasion for them here.

As we have to our power Supplyed you with all things by former shipps & this so we shall Continue for the future as much as possible & wherein we are deffective the sad Consideration that we now live in a Calamituous Countery & times burthened with necessetye & troubles but we hope we have not been wanting & that our late Comefortable Supplyes have given you vigorous encouragemt: for the discharge of your dutyes & promoteing the Interest of the Nation & Honble: Compa: by the settlement & encreasing ye pepper trade which the Dutch will omitt noe treachery to disapoynt you in, but our formers haveing spoke largely on this Subject we shall here say noe more of it referring you to those directions for the improveing & secureing your trade.

We have also largely wrott & presented Jonapatwan that we hope will engage his frindshipp, & power for our Interest for our best rich presant intented by the Bencoolen ffrigatt was by mistake unhappely loaden aboard the Dorrothy which we doubt will occation some delay in the obligation but you have a dublicate of our Letters &ca: whereby you may assure & satisfye him of the perticulars therein mentioned useing all means & argumts: that may engage & oblige him since we beleive our fortunes in those parts next to devine providence cheifly depend upon him.

We are sorry for the ill accot: you give us of Mr: Gibbons managemt: of the Honble: Compa: affairs at Indrapore we have long endeavourd to procure fitting persons to change him & [eas] Mr: Bloom according to his often & importunate desiers but we must desier his patience and Mr: Gibbon's amendment that he would [be] more Just and active for the Honble: Compa: in preserving their Concern & settling their Accots: and doe hope the Resolution wch: will soon follow this shipp will Supplye you with suitable persons for the Carrying on your business till when make the best shift you can with those who were formerly & are now sent you.

We also see you have strictly acquainted the Honble: Compa: therewith whome we hope will redress & Supply you sooner.

Upon Examination of the James's Invoyce we finde as you doe an error about the Chest of Silver B which should Contain noe more then what you found Do: 3000 which mistake shall be rectefyed here & soe you may accordingly charge it.

Yor: accidentall Supplyes of the Loyall Mercht: & little James of pepper we doubt will be some disapoyntment to our Tonnage from hence & doe wish you had loaden that pepper on the Madrass frigott which you reserved for ye Loyall Merchts: returne from China since we here she was lately att Malacca & Atchein and intends not for your Port, but directly for England, but being according to

orders sent you we cannot blame [your] obedience but will Crd^{t}: you to the Amo^{t}: of the little James's Cargoe as also for the Loyall Merchants when we receive her Invoyce which was omitted to be sent us in your packett You should also send us Coppeys of all Invoyces you receive from England that we may charge you therewith & bring our books, and acco^{ts}: to agreement.

We are glad to here of Capt: Barbers safe arrivall upon the Mary but not of his goeing to Batavia since it proves a disapoyntment to his Owners, & their other Shipp James lately arrived here from Atchein-in expectation to have mett the Mary to have accompanyed her for China w^{ch}: now they are very doubtfull off.

You doe not well so to load us with your damaged remaynes of Europe goods haveing more here at present then we can possably dispose of so that for the future you had better dispose of them at the best rates you can y^{n}: to fill up your [returned] shipps with damage instead of Pepper. We shall according to your desier Suddainly Supply you with 2 or 3 sloops well fitted & maned for your service there which we would have you keep in employm^{t}: as well for the mens healths as to Compensate their charges.

We have perused yor: protest, and the severall accusations, & Complaints with your Commentations thereon against Capt: Spencer which we belive you had too much reason for & therefore have dismist him from the charge of the shipp & the Honble: Comp^{a}: service, & shall bring him to a farther Acco^{t}: for his misdemeanours & doe the Honble: Comp^{a}: what right we can therein tho we desier you for ye future that you would not putt such troubles upon us you haveing suffitient power for itt even to the Comanders & officers of Europe shipps where they are proved to be guilty of such offences as may deserve a dismission which they doe Consent & oblige themselves, to submitt to, by Charterpartye & till you use yor: Authority in such matters, you cannot expect yor: Goverm^{t}: to be so respected and obeyed as it ought to be.

We are glad to here of those severall revolted Princess that are return'd to their fidellity whome you would doe well to encourage & employ but still to be carefull of trusting y^{m} to far least they relaps into their former Error or be employed by the Dutch to carry on their treacherous designes against us, by the next shipp according to your advice we shall send them the things that you mention for y^{m} which we hope may engage them faithfully to our Interest, the President has also wrote y^{m} & s^{d} Rayas a letter of thancks for the kind assistance of their people to ye Madrass frigott in her voyage hither who have been entertain'd very Kindely by us gratefying them with Tashereifs & the lone of Pag^{s}: 100 for which we send you a bill to receive it of them 100 ℔ in pepper soon after their arrivall, we have also given them Pag^{s} : 50 for provitions for their voyage that they may please themselves therein, & we doubt not their entertainm^{t}: here will encourage them or others to serve the Comp^{a}: on the same occations but we would have you avoyd employing them except there be an absolute necessity since they are less servisable & more chargeable then Lascars or European Seamen.

The next letter of the 16 December advises us of the Persia Merch^{t}: arrivall with you from England whose fresh Supplyes which we are sorry to here so ill an Acco^{t}: of but we hope yor: care & Industry with the Almightyes blessing will make the place much more healthy for the future which good accomodations & provisions will much conduce to which pray lett noe ways be wanting to your power y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a} : putting no limitts upon such necessary charges wherein you have also our best advice & assistance but artificers & labourers will not be perswaded to go hence upon any reasionable termes being discoureged by ye loss of those formerly sent there therefore you must employ the natives till we can supply you from other parts which shall be our Continuall endevors & that yor : fortification may be the sooner & more easely rais'd we thinck twill be Convenient that you lessen yor : ffort from its former design which will be the better maintaind & defended & suffitiently secure yor: Inhabitants under favour of yor: guns or elce by building a small bulwork of 8 or 10 Guns at some distance, for the better secureing the town but to be under reach & Command of the ffort which we hope

with bricks & stores already by you & what now sent you will goe a great way in the assisting we have also sent you Carriages &c^{a} : stores & necessaryes for yor : fortification also a quantety of chalk to burn into lime which you have plenty of wood for but this Countery Chinam is so dear & scarce here that we cannot procure suffitient for our own occations ; if you have more salt provitions then you can well spend amongst yor : ffactors & soldiers you will doe well either to furnish our shipping therewith that returne hither or spare it to Europe shipps that goe from that to England who we beleive by their long stay in the Countery may have great occations for it & since salt meats is not so propper for yor : Climate, and Constitutions, we shall by every Shipp supply you with live Cattle of all sorts till their breed yeild you suffitient for yor : occasions.

When you are wanting of ffactors & writers you must employ the best & soberest of yor : Soldiers in such business of the Comp^{a} ; as they may be fitt for.

By our last shipps we sent you another Supply of Copper cash which if not suffitient for yor : Exchainge & trade we shall furnish you with more upon yor : next advice.

We observe depattes Invitation of you to a settlem^{t} : att Sillabar which in Consideration of ye unhealthiness of the place we would rather have you excuse it & perswade him to bring his pepper to yor : Port which you may Contract for accordingly, however we leave the matter to you to act what you shall Judg most advantageous for the Comp^{a} : therein since he gives you his promise & encouragem^{t} : to clear those grounds from such woods & waters as make it unhealthy & also the Conveniency of y^{e} : Port, for the safeguard of yor : shipping is a great encouragem^{t} : We should have sent you noe Arrack by this oportunity since we find you are supplyed with such a great quantety of Brandy by the Persia Merch^{t} : which we suppose is intended as well for sale as service. We hope if you send the Persia Merch^{t} : hither she will bring us [a loadeing] of Pepper since ye Loyall Merch^{t} ; has no occation for it being past you for England, and Considering the great charges that all the Comp^{a} : shipps are at it must be your Cheif endeavours to lade them to us otherwise their expence will be insupportable. Pray lett us have bye all oportunityes, an Acco^{t}. of your Cash & stock that we may Supply you accordingly w^{ch} : the want of makes us ignorant of your occations however we should have sent you more now had we more dollers, but these are all & ingotts it seems are not Curr^{t} : with you, but hope to procure you more by next shipp as also some small Coynes of silver which our people have been long in makeing stamps for but they have often miscarryed in but we hope they will Suddainly perfect them. We cannot possibly fiend fitting a person to Supply M^{r} : Blooms place but hope to doe it by next shipping in the meantime we appoynt Mr Knipe to succeed in the Governm^{t} in case of M^{r} : Blooms absence or mortallity for the good Charracter you give of M^{r} : Rylyes ability & dilligence we order him youngest of Councill but you must take notice according to the R^{t}. Honble : Comp^{a} : late order your Sallaryes are to be the same that the President & Councill formerly appoynted you ; since the advancem^{t} : was only in Consideration of the Milletary Service the Councill were appoynted to.

By this Shipp we send you 40 Soldiers under Cōm̄and of Leiu^{t} : Konida & intend 40 more by the Resolution which with those formerly sent you by the Dorrothy & Bencoolen ffrigatt we hope will be a suffitient & lasting force for you, they are paid here according to list but you must pay them with you as their Hon^{rs} : have appoynted. w^{ch} : is all from

Your affectionate freinds

Elihu Yale.
Natt Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
William Fraser.
William Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

To Mr : Ralph Ingram &c a : Resident in Porto Nova.

Fort St : George ye 20 March 168$\frac{8}{9}$

This is cheifly to accompa : Ketch Thoms : Richard Bush Master which being out of repair we send her to yor : Port to fitt which pray lett be done as well & as soon as possablely after which return her either laden with paddye or your bales which we hope are by this time all in a readyness if not pray hasten them in as soon as possible that they may be in readyness for an early Shipp & that we may resolve upon our future employing or disposeing that ffactory however send us yor : Merchts : opinion of a new Investment. what charges you are at upon the Sloop lett a perticular Accot : be kept thereof & remitted us wherein be as carefull & frugall as possible we herewith send you a list of the sloops men & pay & stores to which referr you which is all from

Yor : affectionate freinds
Elihu Yale.
Natt : Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho : Wavell.
Willm : Fraser.
Willm : Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

To Mr : John Stables &c a : Councill att Viziagapatam

Fort St : George March ye 20 168$\frac{8}{9}$

Our last was of the 28 ultimo ℔ ye Pearl frigatt which we hope is long since arrived you in safety wherein we gave you such ample Instructions about the Honble : Compa : affairs that we have noe new occation for addition only to advise you that we send this by the Madrass frigatt to be repaird at yor : Port which pray lett be done as soon, well, & carefully, as possibly, and that after her fitting you return her hither either with your bales or a loading of grain but lett yor : goods be first sent us to be in readyness for an early shipp for England ; therefore use yor : best endeavours to hasten in your old & new investments adviseing what more stock yor : Merchants will undertake for by next December ; Provide also a good store of Rice Paddy &ca : grain to be in readyness for what vessels we may suddainly send you haveing many brought us from the Bay which we know not how better to employ ; herewith we send you a list of the shipps men Pay & stores to which refer you, & doe you also send us a perticular Accot : of charge which we shall Crdt : you for, pray forgett not to send us a good quantety of Gunnyes &ca : packing stuff we being in great want of them they haveing disapoynted us from Bengall ; which is all thatt offers from

Your faithfull loveing freinds
Elihu Yale.
Natt Higginson.
John Biggs.
John Littleton.
Tho : Wavell.
Willm : Fraser.
Willm : Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

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ffort St : George ye 22 March 168$\frac{8}{9}$

May it Please your Excellencey

The reason I noe sooner answered yor : Excell Letter of the 18 March was from ye : proceedings of our Court of Admiralty & their serious & Considerate examination & tryall about the two Siam Shipps sent hither from Bengall whose Judgmt : hereon I herewith remit yor : Excellencey to which refer & shall according

to their sentance deliver the Mergen frigott to whome you shall pleas to Authorize to Receive her desiering you will also order the paying those necessery charges the Court have reasonabely appoynted; & I hope your Excell: will excuse those mistakes ignorance may have been Comitted in this action desiering nothing more then such a just & amicable correspondance as may be most acceptable to our Royal Sovereigns, and what our indispensible dutyes & alleigance to them & our nationall aliance Comands from us which on my part shall be most strictly Studied & obeighd.

I doubt not yor: Excellencey is long since satisfyed there was noe reason of Complaint of the delaying yor: Soldiers they & theirs being imeadeatly upon their landing deliverd to their Officerr, & before the arrivall of yor: Letter, nor shall I att any time employ or protect any of them Contrary to yor: Excell: approbation not doubting of the same just favour from you. And for Monsr. Bruants Complaint of the ill usage of his men aboard our shipps I have strictly examined the severall Comanders about it & send you their declaration thereon which they affirm to be faithfully true in all respects & if any person can prove the Contrary they are ready to make all due satisfaction; but hope & desire yor: Excell: will satisfye them for the charge of their entertainm^{t}: & other Civillityes in their passage hither.

I must also request yor: Excell: examination & Justice upon the Complaint of severall English belonging to shipp George at Merge whose sad letter to me from thence I herewith send for yor: perusall not doubting but your Hon^{r}: & Compastion will right them therein, that action being the occation of the loss of their shipp Cargo, & libertyes being under such cruell Confinem^{t}: & usage as has since cost many of their lives which I acquainted Monsr: Bruant with when here who then promised me all due satisfaction therein there are many other Complaints I wrott Monsr. Martin of which I will not burthen yor: Excell: with desiering you will pleas to take the trouble of peruseing these letters, & to give such redress as yor: wisdome, & goodness shall Judg most equitable wishing yor: Excellencye all success & happyness I humbly remain

Your Excell: most faithfull &
obedient servant
ELIHU YALE.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE Y^{E} 26 MARCH 1689.

To M^{R}: JOHN NICKS
CHIEF &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

In answer to your severals we must still mind you & press you to the Conclusion of yor: Contract, & Comencing another without which we shall not be able to make a ladeing for an early shipp & lett your Merch^{ts}: know if they disapoynt us we shall most Certainly take the penalty of their Contract nor will the Bringing in such bad goods excuse them or their obligations w^{ch}: are limited to musters when times & o^{r}: Investments grow better we shall remember them.

Pray Continue your notice & advices of the ffrench, and Dutch proceedings they may be of use or Caution to us. We approve yor: proposals & reasons for makeing such accomodations in yor: fortefyed ffactory as may lodg all yor: soldiers in it, well for strength & safety as also to prevent to extravigancey & abuse of your Soldiers therefore hasten its building affairs looking Cloudy your way as also to get in what store of grain &c^{a} you can as well to Supply yor: selves as us upon occasion 'twould also be very orderly & Convenient if that you appoynted a sutler to dyet yor: Soldiers togather as well & reasonabely as ye times will afford it, & satisfaction to be deducted for their monthly pay, possibly they may scruple it, first but twill be a Conveniencey to all pray also secure & encrease yo : billett wood fuell being ye first & cheifest thing the Countery troubles makes us want.

You must also press o^{r}: people att Porto Nova to more dilligence in their business their Merch^{ts}: are also very slow in the discharge of y^{r} Contract, Spurr

them up with the Consideration of the weighty penalty that follows y^{r} neglect which is all from

Your ffaithfull affectionate ffreinds

ELIHU YALE.
NATT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN BIGGS.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
WILL^{M} : FRASER.
WILL^{M} : CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

TO M^{R} : JOHN NICKS
CHEIF &C^{A} : COUNCILL OF CONOMERE. APRILL Y^{E} 9 1689.

We are sorry to here the troubles of your parts so much delay & impeed yor: business both at Conomere & Porto Nova wherein you must give them the best assistance you can to accomidate all impediments to the clereing those tedious Investments, and Commencing new & the more to encourage & oblige yor: Merchants haest & dilligence therein, we have gratefyed their desier of spareing them Broad Cloth ordinary in leiue of the Corrall they were to receive upon their Contract which we the willinger grant in Consideration of the great quantetyes of Broad Cloth we have bye us & that tis more lyable to decay however use it as an argum^{t} : to press them to hasten y^{r} business we are enformed that George Paulin has been disturbing to our Merchants at Porto Nova which pray enquire into & redress for though we are ready to assist all freemen yet they must not insure the Companyes people & business. We intend suddainly to send the Persia Merch^{t} to Carwall for a loading of grain therefore make what preperation you can for it & advise us w^{ch} : is the best & cheapest Port or wheather tis better to send her trincombarr you may also advise wth : our people at Porto Nova & send us their opinions also, which is, all offers at prasant from

Yo^{r} : faithfull affectionate ffriends

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN BIGGS.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^{M} : FRASER.
WILL^{M} : CAWLY.
THO : GRAY.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : KEAYDO PATTEE
SOOREE NAGARA ATT BENCOOLEN.

By y^{e} : Comp^{a} : Shipp Madrass ffrigatt I Rec^{d} : yor : Letter & present a bagg of Pepper & am glad to understand you have soe true & honest love to Cōmodore Bloome & all the English & soe much encourage o^{r} : Settlemen^{t} : & trade.

I return you thancks for the men you sent to bring back the shipp whome I have kindely entertained & rewarded taken care of their return according to yor : desier & belive them satisfyed haveing sent them upon this shipp & lent them one hundred & seventye 𝔓^{s} $\frac{5}{8}$ for trade w^{ch} : hope will see paid to Cōmodore Bloom one of yor : men rann away w^{ch} : I took care to finde being gon far up in the Countery Cost much mony & trouble to bring back & have d̄d him on board shipp soe desiering yor : kinde acceptance of a small token of mye love wish you all health happyness with lenght of dayes I remain

Yo^{r} : most faithfull affectionate
ffreind & servant
ELIHU YALE.

To the Royall Highnesses
Keay De Pattie Ka Loopa Raja
& Sooroo Nagarra
Princess att Bencoolen.

By y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Shipp Madrass frigatt I Rec^{d} your kinde Letters & am very glad thereby to understand y^{t} you & Com̃odore Bloom with all the rest of your Countery men live togather in such Peace & Amity wich I desier may Continue with a just & fair Correspondance.

I accep^{t}: also kindely of ye Cowl or chopp you have granted us for trade & have orderd Com̃odore Bloom to comply in all things according to agreem^{t}: not doubting but on yor: Parts will also performe ye same encourageing o^{r}: business.

I should be glad to here of a trade between you Barroose & Tymore & have orderd Com̃odore Bloom to agree with you as freinds desiering your kinde acceptance of a small token of my love I wish you long life & happiness I remain

Your Highnesses most ffaithfull
Affectionate ffreind & servant
Elihu Yale.

To M^{r}: John Nicks
&c^{a}: Councill. Aprill ye 24 1689.

Yo^{rs}: of ye 13 Ins^{t}: we Rec^{d}: with y^{e}: Porto Nova Acco^{ts}: but we want the bookes also which pray hasten as also yor: own.buy [*sic*] shipp Dyamond we have sent you Pag^{s}: 2000 for yor: ffactory charges &c^{a}: which pray husband to the best advantage we cannot thinck there is any want of people att Porto Nova their business being soe small but if upon enquierye you finde it soe advise us & they shall be Supplyed we send you also paper, wheat &c^{a}: & have some time expected yor: advice about y^{e}: plentye & price of Paddy and where cheapest, intending tomorrow to dispatch ye Dyamond & Success ffrigats, to you for that purpose & to bring away the Porto Nova bales wich M^{r}: Ingram writes are above 200 & in some danger from the Goverm^{t}: & want of warehouse room therefore lade them & your own on any one of the shipps & the other with grain if soe reasionable cheap as may advance upon it here otherwise advise us & we shall give further orders about her but dispatch yor: balees [*sic*] to us soe soon as possibly. When ye Honble: Comp^{a}: business will permit Mr Nicks's absence he hath leave to come hither, as he desiers, to looke after his urgent business & late loss but he must leave the Honble: Comp^{a}: business in good order & a carefull charge w^{ch}: is all offers from

Your faithfull affectionate
ffreinds

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm: Fraser.
Willm: Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

To ye Honble: Rhede Commissary Gen^{ll}:
for ye R^{t}: Honble: Neatherlands East India Company.

Honourable

The 9 English prisners yor: Hon^{r}: was pleased to send us from Pollicat were lately tryed by a Court Martiall one of whome being pardon'd accused the rest confessing their several robberyes & Pyracyes, when upon examination some being found more culpable then others ye Court Condemned the most notorious Criminall to be hanged aboard ship at the yard arme, another to be whipt at ye severall Europe shipps in the road, and aftere to branded with a hott Iron in y^{e}

forehed, & ye remaining 6 to be likewise stigmatized in their foreheds with a P which centances were accordingly executed, & all banisht ye Countery God grant their sad examples may terrefye others from ye like horred crimes this I thought necessary to acquaint yor hon^r: with since some of their wicked crew remain still in yor: Custodye which with my respects & service wishing yor: Hon^r: all health & happyness I remaynee

Honble:

Fort S^t: George ye 28 Aprill 1689.

Yo^r: Hon^rs: most faithfull humble Servant
ELIHU YALE.

FFORT S^T: GEORGE Y^E 29 APRILL 1689

To M:^R JOHN NICKS &C^A:
COUNCILL AT CONOMEER.

Notwithstanding all our kinde encouragements to yor: Merchants we still finde them unreasionably slow & dilatory w^ch: if you are silent in they will continue soe therefore pray spurr them up to their business for a conclusion of their contract.

Yo^r: broadcloth must be extreamly damaged to requier such an abatement but we hope you have justly therein & we are satisfyed you have cleared the Godown & now by y^e: Success frigott send you 40 bales of broad cloth ordinary to compleat your Contracts with you & at Porto Nova, as also 5000 Pa: w^ch: Crd^t: us for in the monthes Acc^t: that our books may agree w^ch: are all to be ballanced to the first of May & we cannot ℘mitt the Portonova Books to be continued Longer twill create great disagreement in our Acco^ts.

Pray send yor: Acco^ts: Curr^ts & Merch^t: acco^t: of both yor: ffactoryes that we may be satisfyed how the cash we sent you has been disposed on yor: Contracts paddy is now at [. . . . .] w^ch: you must Calculate [. . . . .] and if any considerable advance to be made thereon then to lade the Dyamond otherwise [to take] her into the river at Portonova to repair [her...] w^ch: is all from

Yo^r: ffaithfull freinds
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^S WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^M: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLY.
THOM^S: GRAY.

FFORT S^T: GEORGE 30 APRILL 1689

To M^R: JOHN STABLES &C^A:
COUNCILL AT VIZIAGAPATAM.

We gladly red in yo^rs: of the pm^o: Ins^t: of ye safe arrivall of ye Pearle & Madrass ffrigott with the stock sent by them w^ch: we hope you will dispose according to your former encouragement w^ch: occationed our sending it & that most of yor: goods will be sent us on our ffrigotts by August or Septem^r; next to help the ladeing an early shipp for England w^th:out w^ch: we almost dispair of it our troubles being soe great in these parts that goods are not procured nor is there any reasionable probabillity to expect it otherwise in some years & we are sorry to here yor: Merchents are under such discouragements y^t: prevents the discharge of their Contract wch if you thinck you can remedy by exchainging them pray doe it but you must have a great care of altering for the worst tis better to bear with & encourage them then strangers that may be as poor & not so honest & you know they have been hardly dealt with formerly.

Pray lett the ffrigots be as soon & well fitted as your Port will afford being as carefull good husbands therein as possibly & not leave ye whole charge of the expences to the shipps or black people they are to com̄only negligent or worse. When you send them lett yor: want of goods for their ladeing be supplyed with grain & provitions.

Rather then returne y[e]: Europe goods we would have you dispose of them at any resionable rate for the Bengallers have brought us such great quantetyes of all sorts that we cannot expect to vend them ⌊whilst⌋ good.

[Pray . . . .] procure us what Gunnyes you can for they are very [scarce] & dere in [. . .] parts most of those weavors being lost in the late famin.

M[r]: Dubois does very ill to absent himself from his charge & duty without yo[r]: ꝑmission of w[ch]: we shall enquire farther & take due notice of upon his arrivall here We are glad to here you & the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: affairs are in such peace & safety we wish we could write you as much of ourselves, or Surratt, but our expectations thence are greatly disapoynted & their differences w[ch]: we had late advice were accomodated to an Hono[ble]: peace late Letters tels us are renued into more violent troubles even to a warr therefore be carefull & watcfull of yourselves & concernes. If you realy finde that M[r]: Brown made use of the wanting Cordage you must charge him with it & clear the Acco[t]: hither but be just therein we have hitherto noe Europe news but hope suddainly to send you good haveing their Hon[rs]: promices of an early shipp w[ch]: is what offers from

Your faithfull affectionate
ffreinds

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thom[s]: Wavell.
John Cheney.
W[m]: Fraser.
W[m]: Cawly.
Thom[s]: Gray.

P.S.

Since the foregoeing we Rec[d]: yo[rs]: of the 4 Ins[t] cheifly relateing to an old Shipp w[th]: you w[ch]: upon examination finde to belong to M[r]: Browu being left in his charge by Cap[t]: [Cato ?] for mony lent him for the King of Syams service but y[e]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: haveing occation for her he is willing to spare her provided she be examined & vallied alleadging she is much under vallued [however] you may satisfy him therein & [. . .] accordingly for her if there be occasion.

Idem.

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ffort S[t]: George y[e]: 30 Aprill 1689.

To M[r]: Jacob Uphill &c[a]: Councill.

Hon[rd]: S[rs]:

The 10 Inst: we Rec[d]: yours of y[e] 20 January with 2: enclosed Coppeis of his Excell: &c[a]: Letters to you w[th]: the bad news of our Continued differences at Surratt & y[e] confinement of our freinds & the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Camp[a]: estate there, w[ch]: the more Surprized us haveing just before Rec[d]: joyfull advices from our freinds at Callicutt of his Excell: accomodation of those troubles to an Hon[ble]: advantageous peace, & that our people & trade flourish'd in a greater freedome then formerly but there is no relyance or Securety in the Moores faithless vows or promices; but we yett hope that the Gen[lls]: prudence or resolution in the case he has now resolv'd upon will yett either compose or necessitate y[e] Mogull to a just complyance & grant of his Gen[ll]: Phirm[d]: for a happy & secure Settlem[t]: for the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: ffactoryes & trade within his Dominions w[ch]: they are now mostly Subjected & we doubt in a short time will include all by y[e] Success of his victorious Armes, w[ch] rather make delays then finde oposition; And for our late warfair in Bengall under the Conduct of Cap[t]: Heath it has mett with noe other success the [than ?] the return of all the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companyes Shipps, servants & Concerns from the bay where they acted little of consequence [more]

then some flourishes of vallor or heat at Ballasore which we doubt has & will prove more to our prejudice then advantage but notwithstanding that and [many other] complaints against us we here have kept [peace] & a fair Correspondance with the Countery Government the greatest of our troubles arriseing from the late sore famin & pestilence that has almost desolated the Country & made all sorts of goods soe excessive scarce that there is noe probabillity of procureing near suffitient for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: occations, and tonnage haveing with great pains & difficulty dispatcht the Rochester in february last for England & are in hopes of sending another in August or Sep^{r}: next if the late Surratt & Bengall troubles does not exasperate the Mogulls forces against us for w^{ch}: we are also well prepared. God grant success to the Gen^{lls} arms & designes for tis from him & then we must now expect a peace. pray forward the enclosed wth: all possible speed so wishing you & the Honble: Comp^{as}: Concerns in safety & prosperity we rest

Honble: S^{rs}:
Your faithfull affectionate
ffreinds to serve [you]

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^{s}: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLY.
THOM^{s}: GRAY.

TO Y^{E} HON^{BLE}: FRANCISS MARTIN
DIRECTOR GEN^{LL}: FOR THE ROYALL
FFRENCH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}:
ATT PONDICHERRY.

FFORT ST. GEORGE Y^{E} 30 APRILL 1689.

Honble:

I was honoured with yor: Letter of y^{e} of 15 Ins^{t} by Capt: De la Roch to whome according to your Hon^{rs}: order & ye Judgment of our Court of Admiralty was dd ye Merge ffrigott with what belonged to her and such due satisfaction made to all mistakes & objections as I doubt not will be to yor: Hon^{rs}: full contentment & satisfye yor hon^{r}: of my zealous respects & care, to preserve an unrobable & amicable frindeshipp, and Correspondance betwixt us as obliged by inclination & duty, and since all differences are so well accomodated on our parts, I hope yor: hon^{r}: will now take into yor serious Consideration the deplorable case and Condition of M^{r}: John Threder & his lost ship and M Cargo at Merge to doe us right therein as also in recompenceing the great charge our Honble: Comp^{a}: have been att upon the Merge in [transpor]teing & entertaining Mons^{rs}: Bruant and his Comp^{a}: from Bengall hither who were free and at their own dispose after the Surrendry of the Syam Shipps but as their desiers & requests were admitted passingers on our ships where by what I can learn were respectfully & generously treated according to their qualletyes & as our freinds & Subjects of the illustrious King of ffrance for w^{ch}: I have duly p^{d}: our Commanders & cannot beleive yor: Hon^{r}: will thinck it reasionable that it should be att the Honble: Comp^{a}: charge or that they should suffer for the Curtuosie, therefore desier & expect yor: hon^{r}: will order the paym^{t}: thereof w^{ch}: Capt: La Roch will give your hon^{r}: an Acc^{t}: of. Worthy S^{r}: John Biggs would have given your hon^{r}: Satisfaction to yor objections ags^{t}: the Judgm^{t}: of our Court of Admiralty had not Heaven so Suddainly marcht him from this world.

I kindely acknowledg yor: honours favour in returning our two English Soldiers w^{ch}: Justice shall be upon all occations requited wishing great success

to the Gen^ll^: enterprizes & happyness and prosprerity to your Hon^rs^: ℘son & concerns being

Your hon^rs^: most faithfull
humble servant
ELIHU YALE.

To M^R^: JOHN BURNISTON
CHEIF &c^A^: COUNCILL
ATT CALLICUTT.

APRILL THE 30: 1689.

Hon^d^: S^rs^:

The 22^d^: last month brought us yo^rs^: of y^e^: 23 December with the most acceptable news of the Gen^lls^: concludeing an hon^ble^: peace with the Moguil but our joys thereof were soon Silenced by letters we Rec^d^ of January from Carwarr of the Moors treacherous violation of their Oaths & promices to Surprize & confinem^t^: of our freinds att Surratt & seizsure of our R^t^: Honble: Masters Estate there; thereby provoakeing justly his Excell: to renue the warr more rigorously then formerly w^ch^: God grant him such success in as may reduce them to secure & Honble: termes.

We yett here nothing of the arrivall of the box of Letters recommended to you for the Gen^ll^: &c^a^: but hope you gave it such carefull conveighance that it is not miscarryed; q^t^: Letters of importance from Honble: Comp^a^: soe wishing you the Honble: Comp^a^: concerns Safely & prosperly we rest

Honble: S^rs^
Your faithfull affectionate
ffreinds to serve you
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^S^: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^M^: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLY.
THOM^S^: GRAY.

APRILL Y^E^ 30: 1689.

To M^R^: DANIELL ALWORTH
&c^A^: ATT RUTTERA.

S^rs^:

The 22: March last brought us yo^rs^: of y^e^: 29: December with the encloseds w^ch^: gave us the joyful news of the Gen^ll^: accomodateing our differences att Surrat & makeing an hon^ble^: peace with the Mogull but late advices thence to our sorrow tell us the Contrary & the faithles Moors proveing false to their agreement and promices w^ch^: has justly provoked the Gen^ll^: to renew the Warr more rigorously w^ch^: God grant him success in to the reduceing them to secure Honble: termes of Settlem^t^: & trade.

We are obliged to yor: ℘ticular Acco^t^: of affairs in yor: parts & are gladd to here of yor: good success against the Dutch and other treacherous designs against yor: Settling but that being a place now of great mom^t^: to the Honble: Comp^a^: for the pepper trade, we doubt not but the Gen^ll^: &c^a^: will encourage & fortefye it beyound the danger of a removeall; tho undoubtedly the Dutch will use all their devices for it their great design being to engross the pepper trade; & our Honble: Masters to prevent it as well for the good of the Nation as the ladeing for w^ch^: never more necessary then now.

And that you may not be strangers to ye Honble: Comp^a^: affairs in these parts we give you the short Acc^t^: of them vizt: our late warfair in Bengall under the Conduct of Capt: Heath it has mett with noe other success; then the return of all the R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: shipps servants & concerns from the bay where

they acted little of consequence more then some flourishes of vallour or heat: at Ballasore wch: we doubt has & will prove more to our prejudice then advantage. But notwithstanding that and many other Complaints against us we here have hitherto kept peace & a fair Correspondance with the Countery Governmt: the greatest of our troubles arriseing from the late sore famin, and pestilance that has almost desolated the Countery and made all sorts of goods so excessive scarce that there is no possebillity of procureing near suffitient for the Rt: Honble: Compa: occations & tonnage haveing with great pains & difficulty dispatcht the Rochester in february last for England, and are in hopes of sending another in August or September next if the late Surratt & Bengall troubles does not exasperate the Mogulls forces agst: us for wch: we are also well prepaired soe wishing you & the Honble: Campa: Concerns in safety & prosperity we rest

Srs:

Your faithfull affectionate freinds

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMs: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FRASER.
WM: CAWLY.
THOMs: GRAY.

FFORT ST: GEORGE
APRILL YE: 30: 1689.

TO HIS EXCELL: SR: JOHN CHILD BARRONETT
GENERALL OF THE ENGLISH FFORCES IN INDIA &cA: COUNCILL.

Our last was of ye: 28 february with all necessary advices to that time as these give to this wch: comes by the Carwar Cossids who brought us Coppy of yor: letter to them whose unhappy qts: greatly troubled & surprized us haveing a few days before Recd: advice from Callicutt that his Excell: &ca: had accomodated all differences to an honble: advantageous peace with a paper sd: to Coppy of the Articles of agremt: wch: we doubt was only a treacherous design of the faithless Nabob to decoy our freinds & stock into their posestion however we hope the more rigorous cource you have now resolved on will affectuly reduce them to a just Complyance, and the Moguls grant of a Genll: full Phirmd: for the Rt: Honble: Compa: better & more secure Settlemt: of their ffactories & trade within his territories wch: now near include all or will doe in a short time noe forces being able to oppose his conquest tho they may a little delay it. As for our late warfair in Bengall under the Conduct of Capt: William Heath it has noe other success then the return of all the Rt: Honble: Compa: shipps servants & Stock from thence where they acted little of consequence more then the rash assalting Ballasore with the loss of abt: 20: men designing to fetch of a few people and goods there wch: they affected as to part of the goods much of them being burnt upon the Allarm of their Landing but the men were all but two Carryed prisners up the Countery beyond their reach or power hom since we here are Carryed Captives up to Dacca where with Mr: Braddill & Mr: Eyres they remain under confinemt:

Capt: Heath with his fleet abt: 12 Saill & 300 Soldiers sayled from Ballasore to Chittagawm where they attempted nothing but a vissit & Surveigh, & findeing it to forceable & unteanable for them they peaceably [sayled] thence for Arrackan where after refresheing their [force] & some short treatyes with the King &ca: they returned hither the 4 March who we have since disposed the best way our Condition & Circumstances would ꝑmit but for yor: Excell: fuller Satisfaction we have sent you the best acct: we can gett from Capt: Heath &ca: of that negotiation, also our Genlls: to the Honble: Compa: wherein we have ꝑticularly recounted all transactions worthy their Honrs: notice to wch: we humbly referr you desiering after yor: ꝑusall you pleas to forward them to their Honrs: by the

first oportunity wch: probabely may arrive them before the Williamson via West Coast.

The greatest troubles we at presant labour under is the scarcety of goods wch: are not procurable on this Coast the Countery being soe much desolated by the late famine and continued warrs that it cannot be expected to replenish in some years soe that twill be a great difficulty to procure ladeing for the Shipping home but we shall doe what is possible to be done but we hope to pick up a ladeing to dispatch one shipp in August or September & possibly another in January but for the rest there's little hopes but from the West Coast if your Excellency &ca: can thinck of any better cource pray give us yor: orders for it.

The Princess Capt: Haddock we have lett to the Jews for pags: 15000 freight for Amoy & send the Defence Capt: Heath upon the Honble: Compa: Acct: (if they approve it) to lade Sugars Tunage at Macan for Persia the Williamson & Resolution for the West Coast the Persia Mercht: we designed for England had she not most unhappely blown up in the Road ye: [*lacuna*] Justly what accident we cant: Learn all the men aboard wch: were abt: 47: souls were Sadly lost in the fatall misfortune Capt: Brangwing & 10 of his men were saved by being a shoare & tho twas a dreadfull loss yett it hapned there were only 20 piggs of Lead of their Honrs: aboard & but little elce of others.

We doubt the late troubles in Bengall & with you (if they continue) will Suddainly bring some on this place it being allready the discource & threats of the Mogulls Camp (abt: 40 miles distant from us) to assault us but we are well prepaired for Defence both in men provision & amunition, but we hope they will still be civill & continue the freindly Correspondance we have hitherto maintain'd.

We should gladly see or hear from the Genll: & cannot but wonder att the Long silence but are inclined to beleive it proceeds from the Interception or loss of yor: packets since the Rt: Honble: Compa: advise us we must expect orders from you wch: we are very desierous of wch: wth: our humble respects is what ꝑsents from

Your Excell: &ca:
Most faithfull freinds and obedient
Servants

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thoms: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wm: Fraser.
Wm: Cawly.
Thoms: Gray.

To Mr: John Nicks
Cheif &ca: Councill.

ffort St: George May 9th: 1689.

In answer to your severalls, and haveing duly considered the danger or troubles approcheing you by ye Mogulls Army beseigeing Gengie & those parts we therefore order you for the greater safety of the Rt: Honble: Compa: goods to hasten them in, and to lade what you have in readiness both at yor: ffactorye and Portonova aboard the Success and Dyamond if the first is not bigg enough to carry them but if she be then to have the Dymond well Surveigh'd & if found in good condition then to dispatch her to Trincumbar with soe much money as will lade her there with Paddy & rice with some carefull Conocoply & peons to provide & take care thereof tho the price of grain gives but little encouragemt: but we doubt we shall have occation for it to store the Garrison besides we have no better employ for her, but if the Dyamond wants fitting then order her into Portonova River & lett her be first well repaired before you send her to trincambar but if you have occation to return them both hither with your goods fill them up with fier wood wch: we also want for what you write abt: the Portonova

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Merch[ts] : twere better they comply punctually with their Contracts but rather then loose more time we allow you takeing white Long cloth instead of brown, but you always keep exactly to speetie & sort of cloth & not take fine for Course be constant in your advices of the progress of your Armye keeping your Soldiers to their duty & a strict guard & we hope you are now strong enough for a stout Defence M[r] : Barron & 9 other Soldiers being now returnd to you from the Moores camp who we hope will be guilty noe more of such faults twill be a crime beyound mercy w[ch] : is wh[t] : ℘sents from

Your humble servants

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM[S] : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W[M] : FRASER.
W[M] : CAWLY.
THOMAS : GRAY.

To M[R] : JOHN NIOKS
CHEIF &C[A] : COUNCILL.

FFORT S[T] : GEORGE MAY : 18TH : 1689.

These give answer to your too last where we are glad to here of the arrivall of the Success & Dyamond w[th] : what sent by them & Since grain is soe dere in your parts that twill give but little proffitt here twill be best to repair y[e] Dyamond at Portonova & lade both shipps with theirs & your bales provitions chinam & fierwood & we shall returne on of them for the remayns to secure them from dangers & troubles of yo[r] : parts where since it is so dificult & hazsardous to procure goods & secure them & yourselves from the enemy we have thought of recaleing your factoryes at least one of them ; therefore hasten to a conclution with your Merch[ts]: as soon as possibly since all the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : affairs under the Moguls bear an ill aspect haveing advice that Bombay is in a very dangerous condition God protect them & all tho hitherto we stand very fair & freindly with the Governm[t] : therefore you must carrye it soe even on both sides as not to assist or offend either our parts being now only defencive however since vittulapille is so forceably with you we doubt a ℘sant is his business & unevoydable but be as frugall therein as possibely excuseing yourselves upon the smaleness of your stock & trade espesually from Lending w[ch] : we doubt will be as chargeable as giveing as cases stand w[th] : them We are advised the Dutch are assaulting Tevenapatam by Sea & land where you must not concern yourselves but advise their proceedings also of the Moguls forces against the Marattees whose courageous defence we hope will direct them from us.

Learn also what the ffrench doe att Pollicherrye & upon what design their Gen[ll] : is gon upon likewise the news by their Europe shipps w[n] : they Arrive.

M[r] : Barron we order to command the Soldiers at Portonova & ℘mitt M[r] : Lucking also to goe there also for his health w[ch] : is all that offers from

Yours to Comand

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
JOHN WAVELL.
JOHN CHENYE.
W[M] : FRASER.
W[M] : CAWLY.
THOM[S] : GRAY.

P.S.—Since the foregoeing came yo[rs] : of the 15 Ins[t] : with the badd news of the encreas of yo[r] : and Portonova troubles w[ch] : you must acomodate as well & as soon as possibly that you may clear & shipp of the hon[ble] : Comp[a] : goods w[ch] : delays will bring into more danger therefore differ not in small matters.

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FFORT ST: GEORGE MAY YE: 18: 1689.

May it please your Excell:

Last night brought us the unhappy Surprizeing news of Siddyes forces invadeing your Island & conquest of a great part of it but we hope heaven & yor: armes will protect you & the ffort & regain your losses with honr: we wish the Season would ℘mitt us to Supply you but we beleive twill be desided before the monsoon chainges we are now makeing the best preperation we can for our Defence since we cannot expect the Moguls forces will now excuse us however we are well provided & shall not quitt our right & charge soon nor tamely, we intend Suddainly to dispatch a shipp with the Sad news for England wch: will be the most astonishing that ever went hence by her we shall also caution ye: comeing shipp from Bombay to Goa tho we hope they will att last finde you there where God preserve you &

Your Excell: &ca
Most faithfull freinds & humble Servts:

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FRASER.
WM: CAWLY.
THOM: GRAY.

[P.S.] MAY 19TH 1689.

Shipp Delight yesterday brought us yours of the 20 past wherein we gladly read His Excell: late success at Bombay & wish its Continuance & that the Cessation made with those infidels prove to our advantage but we doubt tis only to gain time for their own God dd our freinds out of their dangerous troubles & protect us from them but if they fall we cannot expect to be Long free it being a nationall quarrell however we shall make the best of itt & not full timely pray forward the enclosed & lett us here from you as often as possibly soe the allmighty preserve you & yor: freinds.

E.Y.
J.L.
T.W.
J.C.
W.F.
W.C.
T.G.

FORT ST: GEORGE MAY YE: 21: 1689.

TO MR: JOHN NICKS
&CA: COUNCILL.

We just now Recd: yours of ye: 19: Inst: and are glad to here of Vittupillees so suddain & civill departure but lett him not Suffer for his Courtecye rather increase then lessen his usuall Pishcash & by noe means disoblige him he haveing been a very good & faithfull freind to us & our affairs besides we may possibly have too soon occation for him & his assistance notwithstanding you must be as frugall as necessary in all your ℘sants and expences.

Gopol punditt we here is very troublesome at Portonova on the same score to home the Presidt: has wrott, as to our people there pray hasten the shipp of your goods wch: is all from

Your affectionate freinds

ELIHU YALE. JOHN CHENEY.
JOHN LITTLETON. WM: FRASER.
THOMS: WAVELL. WM: CAWLY.
THOMS: GRAY.

To Capt : Thomas Walthorp
Comander of ye : Success ffrigott.

These are to order your repaireing abord & Sayling for the Port of Armigon where you are to weigh & take in a lading of redd wood for Acct : of the Rt : Honble : Compa : after wch : you are to return hither as soon as possible Dated at ffort St : George in the Citty of Madrass Anno 1689:

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thoms : Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wm : Fraser.
Wm : Cawly.
Thoms : Gray.

To Mr : John Nicks
&ca : att Portonova.

Fort St : George ye : 21 : May 1689.

We Recd : yours of ye : 16 : Inst : with the badd news of Gopol punditts unjust stopage of the lading ye Compa : goods without the least shaddow of reason for it & we thinck you were to silent therein since you could not want arguments in such a plain case but the President has now wrot him wch : we hope will perswade him to reason however you may give him the usuall ꝑsent as we have also wrot them at Conomeer to doe to Vitulepol who we here was so civill as to leave them quietly as we hop Gopol punditt will doe notwithstanding his uncontionable pretences if not we must resolve upon some other cource.

Tis very strainge you cannot procure planck enough for so small a service as ye : Dyamond wants therefore pray indeavour it that they may be fit for some other use.

We Recd : your Genll : Books D : but not yet ꝑused them further then wtt : you note upon Mr : Wilsons acct : wch : must be adjusted & pray hasten the other books & your goods hither wch : is all that offers from

Your very affectionate freinds

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thoms : Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wm : Fraser.
Wm : Cawly.
Thoms : Gray.

To Gopol punditt Subidar
of Portonova &ca :

May ye : 21 : 1689.

I was much Surprised to hear of your unkind impeding our business at Portonova & Stoping the ladeing our goods aboard a shipp I sent for that purpose to our great charge & disapoyntment & for what reason you doe this I neither know nor can imagein since we have justly & duly paid your Merchants for the Sd : goods as also the Duan for the Custome of them, but if there is any other just demd: pray advise it but our Cowll speaks of noe more & I know of noe new ones & Certainly Maraja will not approve nor encourage such actions ; tis true the goods are under your power & you may detain them from us & our people too but I doubt not of a just Satisfaction Such actions will force us to withdraw the rest of our factories as we have done Cadduloor therefore pray Consider well upon it ; this is noe time for us to fall out we have other troubles suffitient upon us we out rather to studdy & maintain a stricter frindeship that we may assist each other against our Enemyes as your King does with our Genll : at Bombay & those parts & will be much offended to here of our difference therefore pray prevent it by

releasing our goods & encourageing & assisting our people & trade w^ch^: with my wishes for your health & happiness concludes this.

ELIHU YALE.

To CAPT: JOSEPH HADDOCK
COMANDER OF SHIPP PRINCESS.

Haveing dd you Coppy of our Contract & agreem^t^: with M^r^: Bartholomew Rodrigees & Comp^a^: for the freightment of your shipp to China these are to order your due & carefull observance of our S^d^: Contract & that you also follow such orders as you shall receive from them or their Supra cargoes in writeing dureing the limited time of your Voyage giveing them & their affairs all assistance & service your shipp & Comp^a^: are obliged to by Charterparty with the R^t^: Honble: East India Comp^a^: & that you prosecute his majesties Commistion against our Enemyes y^e^: moguls & King of Syams shipps & Subjects & to be very carefull ags^t^: all Dutch Surprizall Dated at ffort S^t^: George in the Citty of Madrass this ℘m^o^: May 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JOHN: CHENEY.
W^M^: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THOM^S^: GRAY.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE Y^E^ 3 JUNE 89.

R^T^: WORSHIPFULL &^CA^:
DEAR FREINDS.

We are most hartely sensible & afflicted for your seveer misfortunes & barberous usage among those treacherous Infidels of w^ch^: we long since Rec^d^: the Sadd news from the ffrench w^ch^: yours of the 16: aprill Rec^d^: yesterday Confirmes as also of the great danger his Excell: & Bombay ffort are in bye the Siddies assaults but the Portugues bring us news of the 20 may from Goa that our forces defended themselves & the Garrison soe vallarously well that by some private assistance & destruction of y^e^: Enemye have forced them too a retreat & Covetuous of peace w^ch^: the Almighty grant may be soon & Honble: w^ch^: we are the more encouraged to beleive by what you write of the Govener of Surrat's goeing theither & relanding the Amunition &c^a^: he design'd against Bombay, tis a most unhappy war for the Comp^a^: & nation God send we may recover our trade & you your liberties.

The enclosed is duplicate of our last to the Gen^ll^: & where you will read the state of our affairs here w^ch^: has found but little alteration since we still standing fair with the Governm^t^: however we prepare for the worst since we must expect troubles if yours doe not cease, we formerly wrott you of y^e^: peacable return of our Bengall forces hither witho^t^: any other difference then that unnecessary fruitless one at Ballasore but if your troubles were ended there we beleive it difficulty to reconsile them here & the Bay the Navob lately writeing the President a very civill letter that only enclined to be desired & passefication & resettlement in the Bay to w^ch^: was sent our Conditions w^ch^: we have yett receved noe farther answer to; this Countery continues still in warrs & necessetyes w^ch^: with the late famin & pestilence has so thin'd the people, that few goods are made or procurable & but little other trade soe that we are at a sadd loss for the ladeing the Comp^a^: great Tonnage on their hands, but still hope to dispose them some where to advantage noe shipps yett arrived from England but that bye ye ffrench speaks all to be well & prosperous at home & that the Beafort was arrived from hence pray advise us as often as you can what news you have w^ch^: we shall punctually Continue wishing the season would ℘mit the succouring our freinds at Bombay [or decreasing] your sufferings which the Almighty safely

& Suddainly free you from & preserve you under them & protect us all & the Rt: Honble: Compa: Concernes every where is the constant prayers of

Your faithfull affectionate
freinds to serve you
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FRASER.
WM: CAWLY.
THOMS: GRAY.

TO CAPT: THOMAS LACY
COMANDER OF SHIPP SAPHIR.

These are to order you & your Compa: repair aboard Shipp & Sayling for Portonova where you are to keep her & yourselves in a good posture of Defence & a strict watch & there to await our farther orders Dated in ffort St: George this 9 June 1689.

Your Loving ffriends
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMS: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FRASER.
WM: CAWLY.
THOMS: GRAY.

FORT ST: GEORGE YE: 9 JUNE 1689.

TO MR: RALPH INGRAM &CA:
PORTO NOVA.

Hearing of the dangerous troubles in your parts we have sent the Saphir ffrigott to secure the Honble: Compa: Concerns from them therefore pray hasten the Conclution of your Contract & the goods aboard as soon as possible, we have also Dutch reports of a warr with them therefore you must order the Comander to keep a strict watch least he be Surprized & if occation be spare them Soldiers for their defence we shall also send you the Dyamond to repair soe soon as planck &ca: is procurable.

We have great occation of cource cotton yearn to make match for the Garrisson therefore provide us 2: or 3 Candyes soe soon as possibly keep also a store of provitions & wood by you we now send you too hhds of Arrack the Success's boat with you spare to the Dyamond wch: is all from

Your Loveing freinds
ELIHU YALE. JOHN CHENEY.
JOHN LITTLETON. WM: FRASER.
THOMS: WAVELL. WM: CAWLY.
THOMS: GRAY.

TO HIS EXCELL: BAWDER CAWN
NABOB OF BENGALL.

FORT ST: GEORGE 17TH JUNE 1689.

Tis Long since I wrott answer to your Excell: kinde Letter wch: I hope came safely to your hands & fully satisfyed you of the Sadd occation of our unhappy faling out in your parts wch: was never designed nor ordered but hapned from unsufferable provocations & injuries & to defend their lives & estates from the voyolence & destruction of wicked men who were inistigated & maintaind in their villanyes by some treacherous Enemy to yor: King & our nation designing thereby

the Ruin of our Peace freindshipp & trade to the great prejudice of the Duan & thousands of poore Inhabitants our yearly great importation of treasure employed & enrich'd whereas other Europe Nations import & manage their trade with little elce then foreign goods to their great advantage but little to the Countery as your old experienced Merchants can truly inform yor: Excell: as also how much the trade & revennues of Bengall are improved since our settlement & trade there w^ch: we were encouraged to encreas by that happy illustrious Prince Sultan Sujee his Cowl to trade custome free with many other Priviledges & favors he was gratiously pleased to confer on our nation from the freindshipp & Coyness he had for us & his Countery w^ch: imunetyes were a long time confirm'd to us by severall of his Successors in that Government till towards the conclutions of Navob Shasta Cawns whose age or averice gave his Subb Governers oportunity or authority to act as they pleased & upon all occations to abuse exact & robb our people & after destroy them too w^ch: our many chargable addresses to the Nabob & the King would never receive the least justice or satisfaction for w^ch: made us resolve to leave the Countery & trade till we could have some redress of our rongs & losses; & have assurance of a better & securer settlement, but in this we were also obstructed & our people & concerns stopt from comeing away w^ch: occationed the dreadfull loss of much inocent blood on both sides w^ch: I wish to God had been saved & may be prevented for the future God has given your Excellency an oportunity for it, & peace makeing is certainly most pleasing to the Almighty & therefore the most blessed & hon^ble: employment under heaven twill make you happy there & famous here to eternety all we desier is the enjoym^t: of our former priviledges in a secure settlement w^ch: as soon as you grant & procure for us we shall return to the comfort & prosperity of your Governm^t: in the meantime in the name of our good & mercifull Creator I pray that you would be kinde to our poor harmless detained people now under your power & posestion & give them their liberty to return to their Native Countery & poor sorrowful freinds & distresed familyes since we have been favourable to & freed all your people not one person remains w^th: us & what satisfaction will the sufferings or inocent blood of a few men be twill but more anger heaven & fetch down y^e: vengance upon the cruell actors but I beleive your Excell: is a person of more hon^r: & humanity then to ℘mitt or approve such base actions; for my own part tis my greatest satisfaction that I never had a hand in these unhappy differences & should be glad to be instrumentall in composeing them that we may live as we doe & ever have done here in peace & freindshipp w^ch: I hope will be also your Excellency enclinations & indeavours praying for your long & happy life & great increas of hon^r: desiering the hon^r: of yor: freinshipp & Comands I conclude.

Elihu Yale.

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ffort S^t: George y^e; 17 June 1689.

Worthy freinds

We have a pastionate sence & concern rest & afflictions w^ch: we were sorry to read in yours of the [*lacuna*] that you were Continued so severely but we hope you will finde more favour from the Navob the President haveing formerly wrott him ab^t you as he does now Coppy whereof we send for yor; ℘usal w^ch: we hope may melt his rigour into Compassion but if otherwise be shure your sufferings shall not pass unrevenged but we beleive there will be noe occation for it You see we have wrott him on termes of peace w^ch: we would have you promote & prosecute as much & as often as you have oportunity for it, God send us successfull for your freedome & our return tis unsafe writeing news Soe Committ you to the Almightyes Comfort & protection we remayn

Your faithfull Affectionate
freinds

Elihu Yale.	John Cheney.
John Littleton.	W^m: Fraser.
Thom^s: Wavell.	W^m: Cawly.
	Thom: Gray.

FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE 18TH : JUNE 1689.

TO MAHOMED CAUSHIN
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF POLLICATT
FROM THE HON^{BLE} PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

Had I sooner known your comeing to ye Government of these parts & great wisdome & abillity for that charge I had sooner welcomed you into the Countery Soe I hope you will excuse that omistion w^{ch}: proceeds from ignorance tis also accustomary for strangers to advise us of their comeing to our neighbourhood but possibly you were also unacquaint'd wth: that custome soe pray lett both mistakes be forgott, continuing y^{e}: accustomed freindly Correspondance that has ever been twixt that Governm^{t}: & ours & that you will encourage o^{r}: people in their business w^{ch}: will be to the Hon^{r}: & proffitt of the Duan & good of the poor pray also give order to your people & boats at Armagon to assist our shipps people in ladeing our Redd wood there wherein you will much oblige me as also in accepting a small token of respect from

Your Loveing freind
ELIHU YALE.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE JUNE Y^{E} 21 1869.

TO M^{R} : JOHN NICKS
CHEIFF &C^{A} : AT CONOMEER.

By your severals we are very sorry to understand the troubles & dangers you are in by y^{e}: warrs & that the Moguls forces are soe numerous & succesfull to the takeing severall of the Marattees inland fforts & likely to conquer all we have therefore for the securety of y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Garrisson ffactory under your care sent you soldiers to compleat yor: Comp^{a}: to be under Command of Lev^{tt}: James Leshley & ensigne [Housman] next the Cheif & pray take care they be kept in good order and dissepline & to guard you from Surprize we also send you amunition and stores &c^{a}: as ℔ Invoyce w^{ch}: Crd^{t}: us for & to supply y^{e} : vacancy of your Councill we have sent M^{r}: Samuell Meverell third & to take charge of the warehouse & hasten the getting in & sorting your goods from the merchants who want Irgging [*sic*] therein & pray lett them not want it till you bring them to a Conclution of your Contract by Sloop Thomas we have sent you y^{e}: prementioned one whome lade your goods as fast as sorted as also the Europe goods & treasure of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: when you are apprehensive of any danger to it but lett not the sloop return hither till our farther order design[ing] her to lye there a guard shipp as also for exterordinary advise if your Portonova merchants will not be perswaded to receive more mony or goods upon their last Contract nor bring in more cloth upon it then make up Acco^{ts}: with them & remove the Honble : Comp^{a}: people goods & Concerns from Portonova to Conomeer till our farther ord^{r} and not lett them lye there at Expence & charge w^{ch}: is all from

Your affectionate freinds
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^{S} : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M} : CAWLY.
THOM^{S} : GRAY.

TO CAP^{T} : W^{M} : SHARP
COMANDER OF Y^{E} : RESOLUTION.

You being now supplyed with an able Chirurgeon from Capt: Brangwing & your former Chirergeons mate Richard Blackwall being married in the Counterye & desiering to serve the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: at their Garrison of Conomeer where we have occation for him these are therefore to order your dischargeing him from

yoʳ: shipp & to d̃d what of his in your posestion to his order here & his wages in England to whome he shall appoynt it Dated at ffort Sᵗ: George in the Citty of Madrass this 24 June 1689.

By order of yᵉ : Councill
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMˢ : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
Wᴹ : FFRASER.
Wᴹ : CAWLY.
THOMˢ : GRAY.

FFORT Sᵀ: GEORGE Yᴱ 6 JULY 1689.

TO THE Rᵀ WORPᴸᴸ : BENJAMIN BLOOM
&Cᴬ: COUNCILL.

To provide for any accidentall disapoyntmtˢ: we have ordered the Defence in case of yᵉ: loss of her Voyage to China to goe to your Port to d̃d you her stock & to be laden wᵗʰ: pepper for England (for yᵉ: Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: Accᵗ: as ℘ enclos'd Invoyce) wᶜʰ: we hope shee will meet with & a quick dispatch & for yᵉ Compᵃ: Servants aboard her that deserve it we would have you return them hither on yᵉ: Dorothy or such other shipp as you shall dispatch first to us giving us an Accᵗ: of yoʳ: Conditions & the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ : Compᵃ : affairs ; & as for yᵉ : Accᵗ : of ours here &cᵃ : we referr you to the bearers who are well enformed in all ℘ticulars wᶜʰ : in this doubtfull Conveighance is all that offers from

Rᵗ : Worpˡˡ : &cᵃ :
Your faithfull affectionate
ffreinds to serve you
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
Wᴹ : FRASER.
Wᴹ : CAWLY.
THOMS : GRAY.

FFORT Sᵀ : GEORGE Yᴱ: 6 JULY 1689.

TO Yᴱ : Rᵀ: WORPᴸᴸ: AGENT
&Cᴬ COUNCILL ATT GOMBROON.

Shipp George of yᵉ Insᵗ: brought us yours of yᵉ: 2 Aprill & 10 May last with your wine &cᵃ : for our Bengall ffreinds whose disapoyntment & misfortune there has brought them hither wᵗʰ : all the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Comp : fforces & Concerns we haveing totally deserted it, but twill be to little ℘pose to write you news here since it will be to long before it reaches you that things may be quite altered only we are extreamly Sorry for the dangerous condition & troubles of Bombay but we hope they will not be able to Carry yᵉ Castle & that recrueits eer this time may be arrived from England & [*lacuna*] to have routed the faithless Enemy off yᵉ Island we are here daily threatned wᵗʰ: the Approaches off the Enemye but hitherto we have perswaded them to desist from troubleing us & beleive they will be still civill if Bombay stands if not we are able to defend ourselves ; when you send us the Accᵗ: of the proceed of yᵉ: Nathanaels Cargo we shall endebt Accᵗ. Currᵗ for it and Crdᵗ it for what sent us now.

This comes by Capᵗ: Heath in Shipp Defence wᵗʰ : a Loadeing of China Sugar &cᵃ : for yᵉ: Rᵗ : Honᵇˡᵉ : Compᵃ : Accᵗ : wᶜʰ: we hope will advance well to our Masters Satisfaction & advantage we doubt not your greatest care & endeavours & pray be also as expeditious as possibly sendeing us perfect returnes & Accᵗˢ : since

the voyage is conditionally wth: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: & therefore to be returned us except the Generall &c^{a}: have a necessety for her & ye stock w^{ch}: with our respects is what offers from

Your ffaithful affectionate
ffreinds to serve you
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^{s}: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLY.
THOM^{s}: GRAY.

To CAPTAIN WILLIAM HEATH
COMMANDER OF SHIPP DEFENCE.

By the opinions & advices of severall of our experienced Masters & Pylots given under their hands we are encouraged to renew our design of sending your shipp to China upon the Honble: Comp^{a}: Acc^{t}: haveing noe other Voyage that may better employ her & their stock & tho tis something late in ye Season for those parts yett the Pylots give us severall Instances of Shipps attaining it later then now & question not your doeing it haveing greater abillity for it both as to the strenght & goodness of your Shipp & and men soe that there is noe doubt with Gods blessing & your dilligent resolution therein but you will be also successfull if you follow ye Pylots advice in goeing Via Manilla but for your greater safety & securety therein we expect the ℘formance of your promise & obligation in takeing two able Pylots one English & one Portugues acquainted wth: y^{e}: Seasons & navegation of those parts, & that you also well fitt & prepair your shipp & Compleat your Company to your Charterparty number the better to secure the Comp^{a}: Estate from all attempts, & accidents may happen so order you & your peoples imediate repair aboard your Shipp and makeing the best of your way for the Ports of Canton or [Macaw] In China where you are consigned to M^{r}: Thom^{s}: Yale Cheif &c^{a}: Councill for the management of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Companyes Concerns whose orders you are to follow desiering also and requiering your Civillity & kinde assistance to them & their affairs & to Supply them wth: what men boats &c^{a}: their business shall requier & to Consult & advise wth: them on any exterordinary matter or emergency when we have orderd them to Call you to Consultation & debates & to Have Vote wth: them & tho we cannot suppose your faileing in attaineing Maucao but if it should soe happen then you are to take such Corce as shall be most advisable for ye safety & improvement of ye R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Stock but we hope & doubt not you will have soe good an early dispatch from thence as to gain your Voyage for Persia w^{ch}: must be your greatest Indeavours & depends Cheifly in your Seasionable goeing from China. We must also encharge to you that neither you nor your Comp^{a}: exceed your allowed & Limited Tonnage of 3: ℘ C^{r}: & that the Honble: Comp^{a}: have soe much as they agree & pay for w^{ch}: if fall Short Upon Callculation the Owners must make it good therefore you are not to receive any goods aboard you without order from ye Cheif &c^{a} upon your Arrivall at Persia you are to follow the orders of the Agent & Councill soe wishing you a good Voyage we date these In ffort S^{t}: George the Citty of Madrass this 7 July Anno: 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^{s}: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^{M}: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLY.
THOM^{s} GRAY.

To M^{R}: John Stables
Cheif &c^{A}: Councill.

July y^{E}. 16: 1689.

The hopes & encouragem^{t}: you gave us of your Merchants better performance togather wth: yor: desiers for us prevailed for y^{e}: sending you a second Stock tho we had Rec^{d}: but little of ye first soe we hope yours & your Merchants dilligence will not disapoynt us of the expected goods in a time when we have so great a dependance on them the encreaseing troubles & wars in these parts and to the Southward denying us all hopes or repair our Merchants here & at those meeting so many difficultyes and Losses that renders them unable to Comply with their old Contracts & much less to engage or Comply with new ones Soe that your greatest care must be to furnish us or our Honble: Masters will Suffer greatly thereby in the dead freight that will unevoydable fall on them the Bengal trade being also at presant lost to them soe that it matters not what Merchants you employ soe they affect your business.

We have charged M^{r}: Brown wth: your Acc^{t}: of Cordage since you again confirm it soe you may cleer it to us as charged also approve your buying his vessell w^{ch}: we hope will repair the comp^{a}: to be dispatcht yearly to us with your goods amongst w^{ch}: forgett not packing Stuff &c^{a}: formerly orderd we being in great want of it through its Scarcity here, but as for grain you need not provide any more then what engaged for allready rice being now 3½ ℔ fanam & a plentifull harvest expected however lett none of the Comp^{a}: Shipps come unladen from you.

You may give 2: Months pay to those Shipps Companyes sending us first an Acc^{t}: thereof with their Receipts but allowing them dyet mony they cannot resionably desier nor must you allow them more nor ℘mitt any English to leave the Comp^{a}: Shipps since we shall want them here in our troubles.

We may possibly send you one other small Vessell to repair & lade from your Port by her we shall also send the provitions you desier.

We have Rec^{d}: your severall books of Acc^{ts}: &c^{a}: w^{ch}: after ℘usall shall give you our opinion of them w^{ch}: is all ℘sents from

Your faithfull affectionate
freinds
Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thom^{s}: Wavell.
John Cheney.
W^{m}: Fraser.
W^{m}: Cawly.
Thom^{s}: Gray.

To M^{R}: John Nicks
Cheif &c^{A}: Councill.

Fort S^{T}: George July y^{E} 19: 1689.

In answer to yours of ye 6: Instant we were much Surprized to here of Sloop Thomas's absence & doubted of her Safety but yesterday we were advised of her from Sadrassapatam where she was kept by contrary winds & the Soldiers being in want bye the tediousness of their Voyage we sent 10: pag^{s}: to Supply them w^{ch}: you must requier an Acc^{t}: off.

We have dispatcht the Defence for China we now send in her room the Dyamond & Maddapollam to bring away the wood in readiness with you as also what Chinã & Cotton yearn you can procure with w^{ch}: you may also lade the Thomas but Sloop Samuell we doubt is so much out of repair she will first requier fitting att Porto Nova w^{ch}: we would have you order to be done with as much haest & frugallity as possibely. By the Dyamond we send you Gunpouder Sherash wine &c^{a}: w^{ch}: Crd^{t}: us for & being advised by Capt: Lacye at Porto Nova that Tothanague bears a good price there we would have you sell the 2116: p^{s}: aboard him at the best rates you can for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Acc^{t}: he also writes us there Sprung a dangerous leak w^{ch}: enquier into & if you finde it to be so give order for her goeing into the River & repair her.

By letters from Porto Nova they give us very little hopes of their Merchants bringing in any more goods by reason of the great troubles & dangers in those parts soe we would have you once more treat with them ab^{t}: it & if you cannot prevail with them to Continue their old Contract & to engage upon anew then we order you to make up Acc^{ts}: & clear wth: them & withdraw our people & Concerns to you leaveing only 2: peons to take care of the Comp^{a}: house. In the meantime M^{r}: Owen haveing often importuned us for leave to come hither we order his Imediate discharge of his business & returning bye the first oportunity.

We are also Sorry to hear the backwardness of your Merch^{ts}: that should fail us now in our necessetyes & in soe small an Investment w^{ch}: we doubt proceeds more from their Averice then the Country troubles they being less profitable then formerly however we shall expect their due discharge of their engagement otherwise to Satisfye the Honble: Comp^{a}: for their disapoyntment but we are Still in hopes you will ℘swade them to end, and engage for more or we shall not be able to procure a ladeing for our January Shipp.

You desier to be resolved ab^{t}: Ensign Brown's Small remains wth: you, we doe in consideration of his dying intrusted order that you remitt us of the am^{t}: of his concerns which we shall depossitt in the Church Stock to be paid to the proprietors in England that demand it w^{ch}: is all that offers ffrom

Your humble Serv^{ts}:

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thom^{s} Wavell.
John Cheney.
W^{m}: ffraser.
W^{m}: Cawly.
Thom^{s}: Gray.

To M^{r}: John Stables &c^{a}:
att Viziagapatam.

ffort S^{t}: George July ye 24 1689.

Our last was of the [*lacuna*] w^{ch}: gave you the ffull of our business to w^{ch}: referr this being only to accompany Sloop Thomas to repair with you these part affording noe Such Conveniency for it w^{ch}: pray hasten to be as well, and ffrugally done as possibely after w^{ch}; to returne hither Laden as you shall finde most Convenient we have yett noe news either from Bombay or Europe to advise you but are in daily expectation off & wonder much at the delay however manage the Honble: Comp^{a}: business soe as it may not fall a prize to any Europe Enemye w^{ch}: is all from

Your ffaithfull affectionate
ffreinds

Elihu Yale. John Cheney.
John Litteton. W^{m}: ffraser.
Thom^{s} Wavell. W^{m}: Cawly.
Thom^{s} Gray.

To Raja Devara
off Tutacary &c^{a}:

ffort S^{t}: George Aug^{t}: ye 26 1689.

I was formerly honoured with yor: kinde Correspondance & offten recomendation of your service here w^{ch}: always has found my favour & ready dispatch as also now in furnishing your Hon^{r}: with great Gunns w^{ch}: tho I can very hardly Spare these troublesome times as wel for our defence as for disobligeing the Mogull & his Gov^{rs}: in these parts, yett in respect of your Antient freindshipp I have Supplyed you wth: the best our Garrisson affords & such as never came before to India & I hope will doe you good service.

The cheif occation of these are heareing your Hon^{r}: hath aliance & freindshipp with the new King of Candy that you would please to interceed with him for the releasement of Severall English men that were unhappely cast away on the Island of Zealon who the old King without reason or Supposeing them to be Dutchmen his Enemyes imprisoned them till this time but I hope the Young King is more Just & mercifull or will upon Acc^{t}: of your Hon^{rs}: freindshipp & desier free & send them to you or hither & I shall thanckfully pay the Charge & ever ever acknowledg it a great obligation both of yourself & the Raja and serve you to my power.

Your servants tell me that great quantetyes of pepper is procurable in your parts, if your honour thincks fitt to propose a trade or Settlement I shall most willingly encourage & embrace it & doubt not a short time will turne it to your Honours Satisfaction and advantage & the great benefitt of your Country & something to ours too pray advise your pleasure herein y^{t}: I may act accordingly so wishing you the greatest health Hon^{r}: & happiness I conclude this.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^{S}: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^{M}: FFRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLYE.
THOM^{S}: GRAY.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE Y^{E}: 26 AUG^{T}: 1689.

Loveing Countrymen,

Tho tis very Long since I either hard [*sic*] off or from you or your Conditions yett I can nither forgett or be unmindefull of you & your libertyes by all oportunityes w^{ch}: are very difficult by any other means but the Dutch but their troubles now with the Chingalaes makes that way almost impossible; but heareing of the Deavoraor Tutacary Rajas allyance & freindly Correspondance with the King of Candy I have Interceed with him to use his utmost for your freedome w^{ch}: I hope he will be successfull in to our Joy & your great Comfort; but if the Almighty is not soe pleased then pray rest Contented & praise him for your lives & healths and provide for Eternety; Nor be forgettfull off your Country & that you are English men, therefore Soberly & Virtuously, soe God Almighty bless & protect you & if it be his will send you in Safety hither.

Your very affectionate ffreindd
ELIHU YALE.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: AGENT
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT GOMBROON.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE AUG^{T}: 27TH: 1689.

Our last was by Shipp Defence Via China designed with a Cargo of Sugars &c^{a}: from thence for your Port & managery w^{ch}: we hope will arrive Safely from thence to you & answer our expectations of a good Markett; pray be kinde to the ffactors we sent upon her giveing them such employment dureing their stay as y^{r} Cargo or other of the Honble: Comp^{a}: business may requier. We haveing now more servants then business makes us thus dispense & employ them as well for their care as experience. The many idle shipps upon our hands also occasions our sending this with Such of their Hon^{rs}: goods as we beleive wil Sell well with you & bear a low Price here & pray dispose them as Soon as possibely there being great quantetyes of Tothanague & Sugarr designed to your Port from China besides the Defences. Please also to take care that the freight of ꝑticular goods be duly taken for the Honble: Comp^{a}: according to the rates of the enclosed list as they were Putt up here And pray make as cleer Sales and returnes of all as possibly you can & either to procure a good freight for her to this Coast or to

Lade her for the Honble: Compa: Acct: 150 : Chests good Wyne that sent by the George proveing very ordnary 100 : Chests Rose water 50 : chests of freight almond &ca : & 6 . resonable prized horses & 200 Candy : of Tobacco all wch : Sell well now to our neighboureing Camps and if wheat be Cheap wth : you to furnish us wth : 100 Candy for Stores also some Persia Sheep & Severall Sorts of good new Seeds Plants & flowers for our Gardins or any other raretyes that may be acceptable among the Moores here to be sent us either by ye : Defence or this Shipp wch : you dispatch first but the Defence is Safest & best accomodation for the horses. What horses you ℘mitt to be laden upon freight are to pay 30 : Pags : each hither & Wine Rosewater and fruite 10 [?] pags : ℘ Chest.

We Conclude you have later news from Bombay then we not haveing hard from thence Since [*lacuna*] last soe will not trouble you wth : that nor uncertain reports since, only we are very Sorry to here the Genll : &ca : are so dangerously embroyled & under small hopes of an advantageous Passification, God grant a good end of their troubles. ffor us & our affairs here thanck God we continue in an unmolested peace & as fair & good Correspondance with the Governmt as ever the only presture we labour under are the miserable Consequence of the late Pestilence and ffamin wch : has almost depopp̄ulated the Countery of weaver & handicrafts so that goods are not procurable for mony nor trade like to recover to its former Currantnes in some years. The wars between the Moguls & Savegees forcees in the Chingeis Countery who have hitherto disputed wth : equall Success & the Marattees very resolute tho not soe numerous as the others, we are some times threatned by both but they gain nothing by it, & we doubt not of preserving our own now the Sea is like to be open to us from Europe Enemyes.

Pray by all oportunityes advise us the Europe news also what you here of Bombay wch : wth : our respects is what offers from

Rt : Worpll : &ca :
Your most affectionate ffreinds
to serve you

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thoms : Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm : ffraser.
Wm : Cawly.
Tho : Gray.

To Capt. Thomas Walthorp
Comander off the Success ffrigott.

Your shipp being laden & fitted for her Voyage to Persia these are to order your repair abord Shipp & imediate Saileing for the Port of Gombroon where upon your arrivall deliver our packett to the Agent &ca : to whome you & your Cargo goe Consigned whose orders you are also to obay to your return both as to lading & Saileing giveing them a ℘ticuler Acct : of all freight goods aboard you, takeing great care of what horses or goods Laden aboard you hither, with a ℘ticular List of what shall be laden upon your shipp on freight husbanding your stores & expences wth : the greatest frugallity so wishing you a good & prosperous Voyage we date these ℘sents in fort St : George at the Citty of Madrass this 30 of August 1689.

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thoms : Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm : ffraser.
Willm : Cawly.
Tho : Gray.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE AUGUST 30TH: 1689.

To M^{R}: JOHN NICKS
CHEIF &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT CONIMEER.

The Long Cloth you last sent us proves soe very Cource ill washt & pack^{t}: that tis unfitt to be sent home to Satisfy you therein we have sent for your review & ꝑusall Six bales by Sloop [*lacuna*] & expect your Merchants will make a proportionable abatem^{t}: thereon or we must returne the rest upon them Our mony being much better then Such trash and we doe much blame the dimoited [*sic*]or Corrupt Sorters, and recevers thereof Certainly they had noe Reguard to their [Musters] or Masters & tho you & your Merchants may plead the troubles & impediments of the Countery & Scarcity of goods w^{ch}: may serve for an excuse for their delays yett it can be no excuse for the badness of the goods nothing can necessitate that for if they reach not muster reject them for 'tis much better to take nothing then that w^{ch}: is good for nothing. Pray if you Vallue your reputations or employs be guilty of no such faults for the future & Remedy this as well as you can. We are very glad to here Harge Raja Continues Loyall, and Resolute & Contredicts the base reports of his revolting our Safety there & Supplyes there greatly depends upon it & we cannot but own great favour & Justice from his Governm^{t}: & tho we cannot appear so gratefull as wee would, yett not to be altogather forgetfull of their kindeness we have sent you a small presant to Harja Rajaes wife w^{ch}: lett the Cheif send as privately as he can that the Mores may not take notice of it the ꝑticulars & charges as ꝑ Invoyce; we also send you Sloops Sam^{ll}: & Beaufort either to remayn wth: you for the safety of yourselves and Concerns or to be loaden hither with wood Charcole Chinam &c^{a}:-

Your muskets shall be repaired & returned & for the Soldiers Coats you make such Just abatem^{t}; as they deserve & lett them Pay noe more then they are worth & as you must give them noe Just reason of complaint soe you must keep them Strictly to their dutyes or punish their neglects of w^{ch}: we have here a Sadd example of two fugetives Condemned to be executed on wenesday next w^{ch}: we hope will warne & deter others from their follyes & Villanyes for they can have noe protection from the Countery Governm^{t}: Justly returneing them & their thefts without one word of Intercestion for them nor shall we admitt any.

There is a Soldier named Toole that went hence to your ffortress wth: out leave w^{ch}: may be a badd example therefore we order you to returne him & all others Such offenders by next Sloop.

We are glad of M^{r}: Betts's recovery & would have him come hither by first oportunity where the good Comp^{a} & advice of our Minesters may greatly quiett & Satisfy his Scruples w^{ch}: we doubt badd Comp^{a}: has drawn him too & amongst the rest of the debaucheryes, one Leveson of whome we have a notorious Charracter & if he does not reforme send him hither for the West Coast.

By news lately Rec^{d}: from y^{e}: Dutch you must be cautious off y^{e}: ffrench tradeing or trusting them or a Surprize it being supposed that we may have warr with them which is all from

Your ffaithfull affectionate
freinds

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FFRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

COMMISSION & INSTRUCTIONS

TO M^R: NATHANAELL HALSEY AND CAP^T: JAMES HOWELL FFOR Y^R VOYAGE TO PEGU IN SHIPP DYAMOND.

The Cheif design of this voyage to Pegu is to repair the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: Shipp Dyamond since the best & cheapest Port for that service & as we would have it well done soe we must also recomend the business as well to your frugallety as care & that in all things you will husband the Honble: Comp^a: affairs & expences with the same Industry as you would your own & for your greater expedition in fitting your Shipp we send with you 1000: Pag^s: in Silver least the Europe goods should not finde so quick a vend as your occations may requier tho we hope you will use your best endeavours & not only be Successfull therein but introduce the trade for Considerable quantetyes since we here broad Cloth is in great request there then ever however sell it as well as you can & by no means returne we haveing great quantetyes decaying by us the proceed whereof & the remaynder of the Silver we order you to Invest In rice grain Salt Pork in Mortavans Stick Lack Saltpeter Gance Tinn elephants teeth to encrease In what Comodetyes you finde best & Cheapest, also some timber Planks, and oyl for the ffort use of all w^ch: keep a perticular acc^t: both in Sales & expences as also a dyary of all transactions worth our remarke & wherein you meet with any trouble or difficulty we order you to Consult w^th: Capt: Lucy who is also the Comp^a: Servant & has promised his best advice & assistance tho upon a ꝑticularr Shipp we have also sent John Berlue to assist you in lookeing after the Workemen, and putting up the provitions w^ch: pray keep him Strictly too to prevent his extravegancy & be yourselfe a good example to him & y^e: other English there both in prudence & Sobriety & by noe means or provocation disoblige that arbitrary Governm^t: nor testy people least our Nation or the Honble: Comp^a: Suffer thereby either in purse or reputation.

As to the Governm^t. Customes & trade we referr you to the accompanying instructions & papers where you have a Large Acc^t: of affairs there & your enquieryes must learn the rest & what is new in their rules; you must also use your utmost endeavors for the procury of freight & passingers if your Stock prove to small to lade her and we doubt not but her being the Comp^a: Shipp will recomend her before the rest w^ch: you must argue for we have provided liquors suffitient for M^r: Halsey & John Berlue till their returne soe they must put [?] the Honble: Comp^a: to noe more Charge in that there's enough for their Voyage & at Pegu tis extremly cheap.

You are to dwell in the Honble: Comp^a: ffactory under their fflagg & you may permitt such others to reside with you as you shall thinck Convenient, but in all things be very just frugall & orderly avoydeing all royating & other Scandalls w^ch: pray have a great regard to as you are Christians & Englishmen & to Confirme you therein as well as for the due discharge of your dutyes be constant & reverend in your devotions both aboard Shipp & ashoar so comitting you & the Honble: Comp^a: affairs to devine protection we wish you a good Voyage from ffort S^t: George this 9: of September Anno: 1689.

Your humble Servants

ELIHU YALE GOV^r:
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^M: FFRASER.
W^M: CAWLY.
THO: GRAY.

TO CAP^T: JAMES HOWELL
COMMANDER OF SHIP DYAMOND.

Haveing laden aboard you what we thinck Convenient and noe farther occation for your Longer stay these are to order your repair aboard & Saileing for the Port

of Pegu for repaireing the Honble : Comp^a : Ship Dyamond wherein be very carefull & frugall as in all other the Comp^a : affairs w^ch : with the Shipp goe Consigned to M^r : Nathanaell Halsey & yor : selfe of w^ch : we expect a ℘ticular Acc^t : from you soe wisheing you a good Voyage & returne we date these from ffort S^t : George this 9 : September 1689.

ELIHU YALE Govr.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY
WILLIAM FFRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE Y^E : 14 : SEPTEMBER 1689.

TO THE WORP^LL : BENJAMIN BLOOM
GOV^R : &C^A : COUNCILL ATT BENCOLEN.

Our last was of Aprill past by Shipp Williamson w^ch : gave answer to all your former letters w^th : what orders & advice we had to give you to that time w^ch : the time since has afforded little more of any Considerable import noe Shipp being yett arrived to us either from England or Bombay to our great astonishm^t : both places being in troubles as ℘ticular news enforms us, & Bombay by our warr against the Mogull in great danger to be lost to his forces who are very numerous upon the Island & plundered & destroyed great part thereof but we hope the Castle will hold [out] against them till English recruits come to their defence, & recovery of the rest. The truth is it has proved a very fatall unfortunate chargeable warr to the Honble : Comp^a : & we doubt will cost more before we are well settled again : Since things look cloudy every where ; we are in great admiration that we here nothing from you since we expresly orderd you early advices by some of your small Vessels but more ℘ticularly by the Dorrothy ffrigott whose ill advised Comander lost much time we doubt for his own occations in rounding Malacca & Batavia to you att a Season that admitted a nearer passage : but by a Dutch shipp to Pollicatt we here of his arrivall, & departure from Batavia to you, w^ch : is time enough to See her here to w^ch : would have been most welcome to us that She might be laden hence home an early shipp w^th : advices the want whereof putts us to a great loss the Persia Merch^t : being unhappely blown up in this road ; the S^d : Dutch Shipp also brought us the Surprizing bad news of the Royall James being sone after her departure from you by an unfortunate leak forced back to Batavia for releif, but feindeing none they landed the pepper & falsly sold the Shipp for 1100 Rix dollers w^ch : they excuse & pretend to be upon necessety they haveing noe mony or meterials to repair her nor any thing to Subsist w^th : but they had much better have lett her rott there than Sold her soe basely.

But the ℗sant business of this Shipp Resolution is to fetch away her Pepper & Saltpeter &c^a : from Batavia as you will See by our Instructions to Capt : Sharp &c^a : papers w^ch : we would have you ℘use & Coppy & advise w^th : Capt : Sharp what more necessary therein delivering him the James her Invoyce & bill of loadeing for S^d : pepper w^th : what other Certificates you can give to clear its being the Honble : Comp^a : they seemeing to Scruple it.

You see we have orderd her in case of their refusall to d̃d the pepper then to returne to you for a loadeing but otherwise to Sail directly from Batavia to England it requiering much time on her return to touch att your Port, our resolves & orders in this matter we would have directly observed both as to time & matter & unalterable by any but the Honble : Comp^a : from England or his Excell̃ : the Gen^ll : &c^a : from Bombay and in such case you must follow those tho we doubt when tis known in Holland, & pretend what orders may be for the delivery yett questionless they will finde some eversive treachery to detain or

Conshume the pepper w^ch^: is the only reason of our sendeing the Resolution now thither to prevent it. You may also hier & send a small vessel w^th^: her to fetch away the James's great Guns Stores &c^a^: being much readier & Safer w^th^: you then att Batavia but this charge must be the Owners & in such care [*sic*] you may order some person to assist the Capt: in the affair of the Comp^a^: & to bring back the Capt: Acc^ts^: & other necessary advices therein otherwise he may send them by way of Malacca.

We have orderd you to pay 1,000: dollers to Capt: Sharp to defray the charges upon the pepper att Batavia w^ch^: pray comeply with & if you can w^th^: Conveniency, to recommend him to some ꝑson att Batavia to C^r^: him for what more he may have occation for in that affair tho we hope that may be Suffitient for it. We have sent you for a tryall [*lacuna*] whole & ½ fanams w^ch^: you must pay att 18: ꝑ doller 24 [?] fanams weighing an ounce & upon your advice that they are acceptable & pass Currantly w^th^: you we shall furnish you w^th^: a greater quantity by all oportunityes.

We have also sent you a Pipe of Canary 4: chests sherash & one of freuit for your refreshm^t^: but for Stores you are Suffitiently ffurnished from Europe, only we have sent you the great Guns & Carriages you wrott for, there also comes upon this shipp M^r^: Sowdon who being a good Accomptant we order to be Second to M^r^: Bloom & we hope his dilligence will recover the delays & disorder of yor: Books & therefore doe order him the same Sallary & allowances as his predecessor had formely in that employment also M^r^: LeNeve a ffactor: Sallary att 15^lb^: ꝑ Annum who are all we can att presant perswade to that service soe that if you want assistance in your business you must employ such Soldiers as you shall finde fitting. There also comes thre English Soldiers whose future dilligence & fidellity hope will deserve your kindeness, tho they have been remitt & faulty in their duty here however give them such encouragem^t^: as you finde they shall deserve.

We wrott you formerly to send us what small Vessels that wanted repair that we might fitt them here & tis our wonder that none yett appears w^th^: us nor that you sent us noe advices of the James's being att Batavia by the Persia Merch^t^: Since she has been many months there before her departure.

You would doe well for the future to keepe a Correspondance w^th^: those parts & to advise us what you meet Materiall to our business. If you have any safe & Sooner Conveighance for England then the Resolution, we would then have you demande our packett, & bagg of Letters to the R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: from Capt: Sharp, & send y^m^ by it, that they arrive as Soon as possibly in England we being uncertain of Conveighance hence so wishing you health & prosperity in the Honble: Comp^a^: affairs we remain

Worp^ll^: &c^a^:
Your most faithfull affectionate ffreinds

Elihu Yale Govr:
John Littleton.
Thom^s^: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm: ffraser.
Willm: Cawly
Thom^s^: Gray.

Fort S^t^: George y^e^: 16: September 1689.

To Capt: William Sharp
Comander of Ship Resolution.

Your Shipp being orderd to Bencoolen & Batavia you are upon your arrivall att Bencolen you are to deliver the Governer &c^a^: Councill there the treasure & our Letters &c^a^: Consigned to them acquainting M^r^: Bloom w^th^: our orders to you ab^t^: goeing for, & demanding the Pepper at Batavia takeing his &c^a^: further advice therein as also the Royall James's Invoyce & bill of Loadeing for S^d^:

Pepper, & other necessary testimonyes to produce to the Generall &c^a: Councill if they should question it to be the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: but you are to Stay noe Longer then ten days att Bencolen after w^ch: to proceed to Batavia where upon your arrivall you are respectfully to deliver our Letter to the Gen^ll: &c^a: & accordingly to make demand for S^d: Pepper w^ch: if delivered you are to pay all just charges thereon as also for the reladeing off it aboard your Shipp & what other necessary debts or expences made by the three Englishmen Left there in care off it for w^ch: purpose we have orderd M^r: Bloom &c^a: to pay you 1000 dollers w^ch: we Suppose may be more then Suffitient to bear that charge but if it proves otherwise we now write the Honble: Comp^a: to Satisfye you for what more we shall expend thereon but if the Gen^ll: &c^a: should refuse the delivery of the Pepper upon any pretence whatever, then we hereby order you to give him &c^a: our protest in the Honble: Comp^a: name, & to requier their answer thereto, after w^ch: to take on board the three English men left there to look after the pepper & to Sail w^th: all expedition to Bencolen if there is any possibillety to gett a ladeing of pepper for your Shipp otherwise to returne hither through the Straits of Malacca where we shall endeavour to provide you the best Ladeing we can for England but we hope you will not be disapoynted of Pepper either att Batavia or Bencolen w^ch: if you receive there then to Sail from Batavia or Bencolen for S^t: Helena & follow such order as you shall theer receive from the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: but if you finde none then to keep Company w^th: such Ships as you shall finde there bound for England keeping a good watch & Caution of all foreign Shipps to prevent being Surprized by Enemyes desiering you to send us an Acc^t: of the Success & expence att Batavia that we may advice the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: thereof as we would have you also doe upon your arrivall in England w^ch: with our wishes for your good Success & Voyage we remain

Your ffaithfull ffreinds,

Elihu Yale Govr:
John Littleton.
Thom^s: Wavell.
John Cheney.
W^m: ffraser.
W^m: Cawly.
Tho: Gray.

To Capt: William Sharp
Comander of Shipp Resolution.

We haveing long considered, & Consulted about the dispose of your Shipp upon the most Shutable [*sic*] Voyage for the Honble: Comp^a: Interes, & our presant Circumstances, and weighted long in expectation of advices, & orders from England or Bombay, & the comeing in of goods from our Merchants, & Severall ffactoryes wherein we are hitherto greatly disapoynted; & the danger of the Moonsoon approching, to prevent w^ch:, & to provide you a loadeing of Pepper for England we have resolved you for Sumatra & therefore doe hereby order yourselfe, & Comp^as: imediate repair aboard Ship & Saileing for the Port of Bencoolen on the west Coast where you goe Consigned to the Wop^ll: Govr: & Councill for Acc^t: of the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: whose orders you are to follow for the future as to your loadeing & dispatch wherein pray give them the best assistance you can, & upon your arrivall dd our packett to them w^th: the great Guns Primers & what elce they requier of you soe wishing you a healthy, & prosperous Voyage we date these ꝑsants in ffort S^t: George & y^e: Citty of Maddrass this: 17: Septemb^r: 1689.

Elihu Yale Govr:
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm: ffraser.
Willm: Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

To the Worpll: Benjamin Bloom
Govr: &ca: Councill. Fort St: George ye: 17: September 1689.

Since the Resolutions dispatch arrived this day the Dorothy ffrigott from your ffort wth: your Severall advices but to our wounder empty & we doubt the Williamsons delays will be very dangerous to her people we have yett had noe time to read your Letters much less to Consider them & the Resolutions dispatch & business requiers haste we cannot detain her to answer your letters or desiers but shall suddainly by some off our small vessels wch: we hear you want. We much doubt the Priamans Safety She not yett being arrived God send she may well we approve your entertaining Mr: John Kiddall of whome we shall write more by the next Mr: Sowdon haveing disapoynted us in his promises & our intentions wch: is all from

Worpll: &ca:
Your most faithfull ffreinds
Elihu Yale Govr:
John Littleton.
Thoms: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wm: ffraser.
Wm: Cawly.
Thoms: Gray.

To his Excellency &ca: att Batavia.

Whereas Shipp Royall James wth: a Cargo of round pepper [ams] to Bahars 2073: 340 lb: Laden by the Rt: Worpll: Benjamin Bloom Governer &ca: Councill of York ffort att Bencolen on the Island of Sumatra for Acct: of the Rt: Honble: English East India Compa: dispatcht & Consigned to them in England from Sd: ffort ye: 19: Novembr: 1688: but Soon after by Springing an unfortunate leak wch: they could by noe means remeady or clear att Sea were forced to make the best of their way to the King of Bantam his Port of Bantam for releif that being the nearest & fittest place for it but soon after their arrivall there & before they had done anything towards the Stoping of their leak, they were by your Excell: &cas: Comand brought thence to your Port of Batavia where haveing waited & petitioned long for your Excellencyes &cas: favourable assistance to their distrest condition without the least releif or notice of their misfortunes they were for want of money necessaryes & Crdt: to repair her or maintain themselves necessitated to make an illegall Sale of the Sd: Royall James for eleven hundred Rix Dollers wch: abt: five years past cost near fifteen thousand pounds Sterling of England or 60000 Rix dollers a bad Markett for English Ships & a Sad Acct: for her owners wch: Small proceed of Ship & Stores the unauthorized venders unjustly distributed amongst themselves, & it Seems spent it idely att Batavia returning much poorer hither without their Shipp then they went with it.

And whereas your Excellency &ca: were pleased to ꝑmitt the unladeing & houseing the Sd: Cargo of Pepper upon the Island of Onrest, giveing the charge & keeping thereof to three English men Vizt: R: R: G belonging to the Sd: Shipp who duly paid ye: charge of its houseing upon notice whereof we the President & Councill of ffort St: George for accot: of the Rt: Honble: English East India Compa according to our dutyes; have sent Capt: William Sharp or his Successor Commander of the Rt: Honble: Compa: Shipp Resolution to receive & lade the Sd: Pepper aboard her for Engld:. But your Excellency &ca: haveing Contrary to all reason & justice refused the delivery thereof on pretence of demands upon our Rt: Honble: Compa: from the King of Bantam wch: has not the least Colour or shaddow of right on them, since your Excellency and Honble: Councill well know how much our Rt: Honble: Compa: Sufferd & lost, in goods, debts & trade by their being disposest of their ffactory & Rightfull posestions in Bantam, tho they had been the raiseing & enriching of that King, & Kingdome, besides the King of Bantams ꝑticular Large debt to them wch: Still remains

due as ℘ Acc[ts]: & had it been otherwise can it be beleived or Supposed but that King would have Satisfyed himself out of y[e] treasure & goods he delivered to the English att their depature from thence to Batavia but this & that action being Suffitiently known both in India & Europe it needs no further arguments to confute its being a reason for your Exellencyes &c[as]: detaining the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: Pepper [unhappely] falen under your mercy nor any other reason that [we] can imagin soe long as our Nations Continue their peace & Allyance & their Articles are of any validity w[th]: you w[ch]: make the action so illegall, & unjust, that we are bound in duty to declare it soe, & hereby to Complain & appeal to the laws of Engl[d]: & Holland for Justice herein & doe also in the behalfe of our R[t]: Hon[ble]: Masters the R[t]: Hon[ble]: English East India Comp[a]: protest, & declare against you the Gen[ll]:, & Hon[ble]: Councill of Batavia for the R[t]: Hon[ble]: the Netherlands East India Comp[a]: Joyntly & Severally in the Summ of 100000: £ Sterling off England by this the warrentable act of yours the Heer[*lacuna*] Camphyus the Heer[*lacuna*]Haisman &c[a]: [*lacuna*]for your Joynt or Severall detentions of y[e]: S[d]: 2072: bahars & 340: of round pepper belonging to the R[t]: Hon[ble]: English East India Comp[a]: of London for all damages disapoyntments, & losses they shall or may receive thereby, as also for the demoreage, & dead freight, for want of that ladeing of pepper for their Shipp Resolution; & likewise in behalfe of the Owners of Shipp Royall James for your ordering or permitting her illegall Sale or destruction under your Authority & governm[t]: all w[ch]: by a reasionable calculation amounts to the S[d]: Summ of 100000 £ Sterling w[ch]: we hereby charge you the Gen[ll]: and every of you the Councill w[th]: as you shall answer itt to the Crown & laws of England; & High & mighty States of the Neatherlands united provinces: given under our hands, & the R[t]: Hon[ble]: English East India Comp[as]: Seal att their ffort S[t]: George in the Citty of Madrass this 16: of September Anno Domini 1689.

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thom[s]: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Will[m]: ffraser.
Will[m]: Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

Cap[t]: Sharp.
We order you to deliver this Protest to the Gen[ll]: in case he refuses to dd you the Pepper.

Yo[rs]: E: Y.
J: L.
T: W.
J: C.
W: ff.
W: C.
T: G.

To his Excellency Joannes Camphuys
Gen[ll]: for the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Neatherlands
East India Companyes affairs in India &c[a]: ffort S[t] George
Lords of y[e]: Hon[ble]: Councill att Batavia. Sept[r]: y[e]: 17: 1689

May it please your Excellency &c[a]:

By severall English men your Excellency &c[a]: were pleas[d]: lately to send us on your ship from Batavia to Pollicatt we are enformed that our R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: Shipp Royall James laden & dispatcht by their Governer & Councill in Yorck ffort att Bencoolen for England y[e]: November 1688 was by the distres of an accidentall leak forced into the Port of Bantam for releif, & from thence by your Excellencyes Command brought into your Port of Batavia where for want of mony necessaryes & Creddit to repair her & maintain themselves they were necessitated to make sale of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: Shipps for eleven hundred Rix dollers.

Butt that your Excellency &c[a]: were favourably pleased to permitt the unladeing & houseing the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: Pepper & to order three English

of the Shipps Compa: to Stay to take care thereof wcb: kinde favour we most thanckfully acknowledg, & doubt not our Rt: Honble: Compa: will esteem it so too; but that neither the Sd: pepper nor our people may be longer troublesome to your Excellency we herewth: send another of the Rt: Honble: Compa: Shipps the Resolution Capt: William Sharp Commander or his Successors to receive & relade the Sd: Pepper for England, & to Satisfye & clear all charges thereon wherein we intreat your Excell: Continued kindness, & that you will please to order such necessary assistance as may expedite her dispatch for England wcb: kindeness will be greatly esteemed by or: Honble: Compa: approved by yours & Commended by both our Nations, whose strict allyance must oblige us to all all acts of ffreindship, and Hospitallety & more ꝑticularly to misfortunes of this nature wch: we cannot doubt from so wise just & generouse an assemly to whome we wish all honr: & prosperity Subscribeing

Your Excellencyes &cas:
Most faithfull humble Servants

Elihu Yale Govr:
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm: Fraser.
Willm: Cawly.
Thoms: Gray.

To the Honble: Laurence Pitt
Governour of Pollioat &ca: Councill

Honble: &ca:

We haveing notice of the arrival of A Ship from Batavia to Pollicatt wth: some of our people belonging to our Rt: Honble: Compa: Shipp Royall James putt in there by distres. These are to desier that you will please to returne us the English men, & to advise ye Condition of Sd: Shipp, and her Cargo att Batavia and how much we are obliged to his Excellency ye Generall &cas: kinde assistance therein wch: shall be duly represented to our Rt: Honble: Masters & the ffavour thanckfully acknowledged & justly requited by

Honble: &ca:

Fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 17: September 1689.

Your most ffaithfull ffreind & Servant
Elihu Yale.

To his Excellency &ca: Bombay. September the 17: 1689.

By Capt: Tuer we Recd: the Sad news of your troubles & great danger att Bombay, & from Surratt the miserable confinemt: of our poor freinds there but reports since from the ffrench & others give us great hopes either of peace or Security Grant it true we wish we knew your condition that we might Supply you accordingly but your Silence leaves us in doubts we know not how well to act, We had thoughts of sending your Excellency &ca: a small Shipp, & such Supplyes as we are able to Spare but we are willing to hear first from you that we may have some authority, & reason for it, & therefore shall keep the vessell as long as possible, in hopes of it.

As to the State of affairs here thancks to the Almighty we are still in an undisterbed peace wch: we have reason to beleive proceeds cheifly from ye wars betwixt the Savegees & Mogulls armys in these parts to which our freindly managemt: & Correspondance contributes something but without peace in your parts we cannot long expect it here since the same interest & Governmt: in both

places, & from Metchlepatam we have the Surprising news of the Governers Seizing our ffactory, &c[a]: there, & imprisoning Dubass & Brameny left there in charge of the ffactory to this we have reason to beleive prooceeds from the miscarriage of some free English men that went lately to those parts, but we shall indeavour right understanding of the matter, & accomodate it the best way we can as to other transactions we referr you to the accompanying gen[ll]: advices to our R[t]: Hon[ble]: Masters, wherein we have been very just & ℘ticular, Yesterday dispatching the Resolution to the West Coast, & Batavia for the Royall James's pepper for the enclosed reasons w[ch]: we have Judged absolutely necessary for the Hon[r]: & interest of our R[t]: Hon[ble]: Masters not doubting 'twill meet theirs, & your Excell: approbation & good Success, besides we were under an unavoydable necessety of sendeing her not haveing goods enough by us nor procurable to lade her hence for England nor is the Country capable of it, made so by great mortalety, war & troubles that all these parts have, & doe Suffer by w[ch]: we cannot expect to be recovered in some years of w[ch]: have faithfully advised our R[t]: Hon[ble]: Masters, & hope they will order their affairs accordingly, & to agrivate our misfortunes we have this day arrived w[th]: us the Dorrothy ffrigott without Pepper or any other loadeing they keep all for the Williamson there w[ch]: comes in so Slowly as we doubt will send her a weak Shipp home the Dorrothy we intend to lade & dispatch home for England w[th]in 12: days att ffarthest, & by her send advices of affairs in these parts, & what we hear of yours.

We here strange astonishing news by the Dutch from Europe & much wonder we have noe advices of it from the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: either by Shipping or overland but to this here not one Syllable either way God send it good att last, the Dutch also tell us of their takeing two ffrench East India Ships att the Cape in their returne home, & that the Nathaniell was also there in great distress most of her men Sick & the Shipp very leakey.

We wait the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: or your orders ab[t]: the prosecuteing their Warr w[th]: the Mogull, & King of Syam whether we must, Still Comistion the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]; Shipps & otherein or cease w[ch]: with our prayers for your healths, & Safetyes we remayn

Your Excellencyes &c[as]: Most faithfull freinds and Servants

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thom[s]: Wavell.
John Cheney.
William ffraser.
Will[m]: Cawly.
Thom[s]: Gray.

To M[r]: John Nicks &c[a]: att Conomeer. September the 17: 1689.

In yours of the 14: we red the Continued neglect & obstinacy of your Merchants w[ch]: if they unreasionably persist in send the knaves hither for we will have right done therefore follow our orders.

The damaged Europe goods you must Sell as Soon & as well as you can there can noe good be expected from their lying bye however lett your abatements be proportionable to y[e] prejudice.

We hartely wish you may Succeed w[th]: the Pullecherry Merchants in a new Contract w[ch]: hasten as much as possibly we haveing a Large Stock dead by us.

You must keep the presant to Harja Raja till Securer passage & till you here of his recovery, & if he dyes send it to his wife or him that Succeeds in the Governm[t]: w[ch]: you Judg may be most for y[e] Comp[a]: Interest.

Mr : Bett arrived here wth : us upon ye Beaufort Sloop for whose Cargo we shall Crdt : you gett as much Charcole wood & match as you can well provide.

We wonder att Capt : Wolthorps business in your parts; tis well he is gon his Voyage.

Yesterday we dispatcht ye Resolution for the west Coast &ca : & this morning arrived the Dorrothy her packet not yett ashoar wch :·is all from

Your humble Servants

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMs : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLM : FFRASER.
WILLM : CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

To MR : JOHN NICKS CHEIF &CA : COUNCILL ATT CONOMEER.

FFORT ST : GEORGE
SEPTR : YE : 17 : 1689.

This morning we recd : yours by Sloop Samuell wherein we are glad to see you Sensible of the badness of the cloth, & Sortment but notwithstanding the cheifs assurance of his not being actually Concerned therein yett he haveing the Principall charge of the Compa : affairs tis his duty to see them justly Served in all things & to keep all under him to their dutyes in their dilligence, & since the fault Seems cheifly upon the second we would have him keep to the business of the books & Accounts (wch : [we] here are behinde hand) & leave Sorting of the Cloth to the warehouse keeper, & his assistance who are better acquainted therewth : & tho you have now resolved well in ordering each person to Signe the ticket to his own Sortments yett you may remember you had our former orders for it as also each person to Put a mark upon the cloth he sorted wch : if had been observed we might have seen where the fault Lay.

Nor shall we be satisfyed till your Merchants chainge this cloth for better wch : acquaint them wth : & press them to.

We observe the Pollicherry Merchants answer to the proposall which since you cannot ℘swade them to Comply wth : lett us know theirs wth : the sorts & prises of the cloth they offer to engage for as also what quantety of Europe goods they wil take in proportion to the mony we shall deliver them as also what your own Merchants will doe upon a new Contract.

We now send you Invoyce of the ℘sant to Harja Raja's wife wch : we would have you forward as soon & Safely as you can, & more to engage her frindshipp wch : possibly we may have too soon occation for. We Recd : the Prisner sent us by the Sloop, & notwithstanding to extinuate their faults off running away from this flagg to yours yett we doubt their comeing theither was rather from necessety then intentions therefore secure all such runaways & send them to us their debts we shall receive & remitt to you.

We shall Cr : you for the poore billity Invo : but we are also much wanting off Chinam & Charcole wch : Supply us wth : by next Sloop. forgett not to forward Mr : Betts to us after he has finished the Porto Nova Books we haveing occation for him here. We shall Suddainly send you a Gunner in the roome of him deceased wth : the Amunition you desier. We would have you dispose of the Corrall & other Europe goods by you as soon & as well as you can to prevent their decay & danger of being robbed of them their prises you finde in the Invoyce but leave their dispose to you.

The rates here att ℘sant are Broadcloth fine att 50 : ordinary 19 fine Perpetuanoes 9 : Cource 6 : & 7 : & the Corrall att various prises according to its goodness from 70 : to 100 : ℘ m̄.

Your sending your Armes here to mend is hazzardous; & inconvenient therefore you must endeavour to gett a good Armarour w^ch^ : your Garrisson can by noe means be w^th^:out but if none procurable in your parts we shall endeavour to doe it from hence. We have yett noe Certaine news of our warr w^th^ : ffrance & have reason to doubt ye truth of s^d^ : report therefore Continue your freindship & Correspondance w^th^ : them till we are Certefyed thereof w^ch^ : is all thatt offers from

ELIHU YALE GOV^r^ :
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO^S^ : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^M^ : FFRASER.
W^M^ : CAWLY.
THO^S^ : GRAY.

TO CAP^T^ : JAMES THWAITS
COMMANDER OF Y^E^ : DORROTHY FFRIGOTT.

Your late arrivall from the west Coast in a dangerous Season being upon the breakeing up off the Monsoon has hastened our ladeing your Shipp for England w^ch^ : being now affected & we haveing not farther business to detaine you any longer here, these are to order you & your Ships Comp^a^ : imediate repair aboard, sending us a muster Roll of yor : Ships Comp^a^ : wch you are to compleat to your Charterparty obligation but to receive noe passingers whatever on board you but such as you have ℘ticular order for under the presidents hand nor any goods ℘missive or otherwise without the Warehouse keepers note, as you shall answer the Contrary att your perrill so order your imeadiate weighing anchor & Sayling for the Port of London where you goe Consigned to the Honble : the Governour &c^a^ : for Acc^t^ : of the Honble : English East India Comp^a^ : only in your way to touch att S^t^ : Helena where you are to follow all such orders as you shall receive from them there keeping Comp^a^ : w^th^ : such of our Ships as you Shall finde there bound home to Secure you from the danger of being Surprized by our Enemyes, of whome tho we have yett noe ℘ticular knowledg of, yett you must be cautious of all Europians. Upon your first arrivall in Engl^d^ : you are to send up our packett by your Purser, and some other trusty ℘sons; Soe wishing you a happy Voyage, & Safe arrivall we date these at ffort S^t^ : George in ye Citty off Maddrass the : 27 : September Anno Dommini 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^M^ : FFRASER.
W^M^ : CAWLY.
THOM^S^ : GRAY.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE 16 : OCTOB^R^ : 1689.

TO M^R^ : CHARLES EYRES &C^A^ :
ENGLISH IN BENGALL.

Three days past we Rec^d^ : your welcome letter, & news of your releasment from Confinem^t^ : & troubles by the just favour of the good & worthy new Nabob whose ℘wanna we also rec^d^ : w^ch^ : give us great hopes, and incouragement of our resettlement soe we would have you deport yourselves accordingely, & by noe means either by word or action give him the least occation of displeasure tho we

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must also enforme you w^{ch}: we would have you be very private in that our differences & troubles wth: the Mogull Continue still att Bombay, as also that our ffactory at Viziagapatam was lately Seized upon & sever^{ll}: of the Comp^{a} Servants destroyed there, so notwithstanding the fair promises & aspects of affairs now in Bengall you must be very Cautious of your Selves that you be not also Surprised with their Cruelty.

In a few days we shall write att large to the Nabob, & as kindely & respectfully as his obligeing ℘wanna deserves hopeing that his wisdome & goodness will soe favourably represent our troubles to the King as may appeas & direct his displeasure we have also thought that as soon as the Season will ℘mitt to send a Shipp & some persons to treat wth: him ab^{t}: our resettlement in the meantime you may assure him of our peaciable & freindly carriage to his Subjects & that we have due sence & esteem of his kindenes to you & the Comp^{a}: affairs w^{ch}: God Almighty restore to their former good Condition. Omitt no oportunity to advise of all news & occurrances in your parts by your peons.

We shall write more large by your Pattamarr so shall add noe more att presant but to wish you safe & well being.

Your very affectionate freinds
Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thos : Wavell.
Jo^{n} : Cheney.
W^{m} : ffraser.
W^{m} : Cawley.
Thom^{s} : Gray.

To the Worp^{ll} : Benjamin Bloom &c^{a} : Councill at Bencoolen. October y^{e} : 17 : 1689.

Our last was ℘ Shipp Resolution wth : a Short acknowledgment of your letters &c^{a} : ℘ Shipp Dorothy since w^{ch}: is arrived wth : us the Bencoolen ffriggott from Indriapore wth: a large Acc^{t}: of M^{r}: Gibbons proceedings there w^{ch} : tho She is welcome to us for her Safety & Cargo of Pepper yett we are doubtfull both hers, & the Priamans will soe delay the Williamsons dispatch for England w^{ch} : is off greater consequence to the R^{t}: Honble : Comp^{a} : then the sendeing it hither since she lyes att great demorage & in great danger of looseing her men if not the Shipp by her long detention upon that unhappy Coast soe pray for the future follow the Comp^{as}: & our orders in ladeing & hastening all the Europe Shipps designed home, you cannot doe the Comp^{a} : or the owners a greater peice of Service since the place is so fatall to them & except upon an exterordnary occation keep noe Shipp wth : you above 2 months, & ℘ticularly this Shipp tho you returne her only wth: advices she being too crasy for her longer stay & for her & her peoples safe returne will encourage others more chearfully to undertake it w^{ch} : we finde very difficult to ℘swade them too.

M^{r}: Sowdon comes to you upon this Shipp as Second who after he has assisted in the bringing up & settleling [*sic*] your Acc^{ts}: we order him to be sent Cheif of Indriapoore M^{r}: Gibbins desiering a discharge from it, & that he rightly & duly examin the past managem^{t}: of that ffactory giveing us & you a ℘ticularr Acc^{t}: how the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash &c^{a}: has been disposed & expended there where pray give him the best advice & instructions you can we haveing hitherto Rec^{d}: noe Acc^{t}: of the great Quantety of Dollers remitted them nor from yourselves neither therefore if you cannot Compleat the books to be sent us by the first oportunity lett us at least have a ℘ticular acc^{t}: of the Comp^{as}: Cash since your first Settlem^{t}: since we much wanted it, as well to adjust our acc^{ts}: by, as to know whatt Stock you have by [you] which supposeing it to be large we shall send noe more till we here from you therefore if possible lett us have the Acc^{t}: Currant of both ffactoryes that we may duly charge & C^{r}: you for what we

have Rec^d & sent, M^r: Gibbons has drawn a bill upon us for 2,300: Dollers att 15 : ℘C^t : advance w^ch: we much wonder att since you must needs have a great cash by you he also acknowledgeing to have a Considerable quantety of dollers by him but that the people refuse to take them but for what reasons we know not therefore pray enquier into it, & [if] you finde any just one lett them be either exchanged or returned to us, it being very hard to take up mony att such Heigh advance whilest you have Suffitient by you to Supply them.

We hope the Resolution long before the arrivall of this be dispatcht to Batavia & laded w^th: the James's pepper there for England; the James's Officers who Committed the Illegall vile action of makeing away with the Shipp for little or nothing we are now sendeing home upon the Dorrothy to answer for their crimes therefore we would have you ℘ticularly advise the Comp^a: about the bad business & also to write us thereof & what elce you can learne of their proceedings w^th: the Resolution att Batavia [and] least M^r: Gibbons should not have sent you Coppy of his advices to us we herewith remitt you as also the Emperors Letter to us that you may direct the Honble : Comp^a: of affairs there as you Judge most Convenient.

OCTOBER Y^E : 18 : 89.

Your importunenate desiers of a Supply of Cofferyes to Carry & serve your fortification has ℘swaded us to send the Pearle ffriggot to Mallagascar for the procury of them & to proceed from thence directly to you w^ch: we hope She will be Successfull in & pray send us a ℘ticular Acc^t : of whatt & how many you receive by them as also whatt elce you may want for the encourgment of your Settlement which the Honble: Comp^a: are desierous to promote; & therefore must desier M^r: Bloom his patience, & Continuance a little longer till he has Substantialy irradicated our Interest there that he may have the sole reputation of so great & nationall a Service by perfecting whatt he has so ingeniously began tho we are so far from thought of Confineing him to ye place that we hereby ℘mitt his returne as soon as things are well Settled there.

Noe news yett off the Pryaman w^ch : makes us doubtfull of her Safety we wish the want of hers & the Bencoolens pepper may not detain the Williamson to the endaingering the loss of her passage or att least the weakning of the Shipp by the mortallity or weakness of her men.

This day Sayles the Dorrothy ffriggott for England & Carryes a good Cargo w^th : advices of all the Comp^as : affairs w^th:in our knowledge more ℘ticularly the welcome news of a probable accomodation of our troubles at Bombay the Gen^ll : haveing sent three English to Daman to treat w^th : the Moors about them & tis beleived they will agree good[*Sic*]grant it may be to the Hon^r : & interest of the Honble : Comp^a : but if they doe not make a peace we doubt their Continued troubles may draw some upon us to the disturbance of our long enjoyed peace on these parts.

We must repeat our orders w^th : a Strict injunction that you keep noe vessell except upon exterordnary, & unavoydable occation above 2 : months w^th : you, their longer stay there, haveing proved a destruction to our men & Shipping.

We will not trouble you with Europe news since what we have is uncertain noe Shipp being arrived to us this year from England only we doubt Europe will be the Stage of long & dangerous troubles God grant all things may end w^th : Hon^r : & the good of our Nation to whose divine protection we Committ you & your affairs remayning

Your faithfull & affectionate freinds

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^M: FFRASER.
WILL^M : CAWLY.
THOMAS GRAY.

To the Worp^{ll}: Hammon Gibbon
Cheif &c^{a} : att Indriapore. October y^{e}: 18: 1689.

The Bencoolen brought us yours of the 30: July last wth: a very ℘ticular Acco^{t}: of the State of the Comp^{a}: affairs there w^{ch}: we are sorry to here mett wth: soe many disapoyntments but we hope your experience & prudent management will improve all things to advantage & to engage the Emperour &c^{a}: to our interest that we may not want pepper Safety nor trade.

We shall duly C^{r}: you for the Bencoolens Invoyce tho we wish the Williamson may not want her pepper to lade & dispatch her for England but M^{r}: Chiswell enforms us there is great quantetyes att Mandata w^{ch}: we hope you have procured for her pray att all times use all possible expedition for the Speedy dispatch of our Shipps since their detention on that Coast prove so fatall to y^{m}: Amongst your papers, & Acco^{ts}: we finde none of your Cash w^{ch}: would have been most Materiall & w^{ch}: we are cheifly wanting off to know the Stock & its dispose & therefore pray fail not to send us that & an Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: till you can bring up your Books.

The Pryaman is not arrived wth : us w^{ch} : makes us very doubtfull of her Safety God send she may appear att last you must be cautious of sending such weak Ships upon such voyages before they are well fitted.

We have paid the bill of Exchainge to M^{r} : ffeilding w^{ch} : Crd^{t}: us for tho we cannot but admier off your drawing it since the Comp^{a}: have so great a Stock upon your Coast but there can be no reason of any advancem^{t} : upon it since you had noe ways of improveing it better & this wth: out hassard too.

If the burning be only an objection against your dollers w^{ch} : there is little reason for you would have done well to have send them to us, & not keep them there being inservisable & in danger.

The bearer M^{r} : Sowdon is ordered for Bencolen but dureing his stay there we would have you & him Consult togather & to Satisfye & acquaint him wth: all things concerning them more ℘ticularly of your Stock & its dispose.

This Shipp is Suddainly dispatcht hence by reason of the danger of the approcheing Monsoon that we cannot assist & Supply you wth : those necessaryes we designed w^{ch}: our next shall repair.

The Presidents letter to the Emperour comes herewth: to w^{ch}: you may read or ad what necessary so Committing you & your affairs to the divine protection we remain

Your faithfull affectionate freinds

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thom^{s}: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wm Fraser.
Wm Cawly.
Thomas Gray.

To Capt: William Brooks
Commander of the Maddrass ffriggott.

These are to order your Shipps Comp^{a} : repair on board & imediate Sayling for the Port of Indriapore on the West Coast of Sumatra where you are to dd the Packett & to follow such orders as you shall receive from the Cheif & Councill after w^{ch} : to proceed to the Port of Bencoolen where you are att the dispose of the Govr : & Councill who we have ordered not to detaine you on that Coast longer than two months w^{ch} : we doubt not they will observe it must be your care & dilligence therefore to hasten the discharge of their orders with all possible expedition that

the Honble : Comp^a^ may not Suffer by your departure so wishing you a healthy good voyage we date these att ffort S^t^ : George in the City of Maddrass this 18 : day off October 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOM^s^ : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^M^ : FFRASER.
WILL^M^ : CAWLY.
THOM^s^ : GRAY.

TO HIS IMPERIALL MAJESTIE SULTAN MAHOMED SHAW
EMPER^R^ : OF INDRIAPORE & THE SEVERALL KINGDOMS
ON THE ISLAND OF SUMATRA.

I was honoured & obliged by your Majestyes severall kinde letters by the Bencoolen ffriggott wherein I was very Joyfull to read your Majestyes kinde & Generous inclinations to his Royall Majestye the King of England, & our R^t^ : Honble : Masters his R^t^ : Honble : English East India Comp^a^ : & your great favour, and encouragement to their affairs within your Majestyes Territoryes w^ch^ : undoubtedly will greatly redound to yor : Magnificence & Safety, & the good & benefitt of your Country & Subjects as well by checking the Dutch their insolence & averice as also by inriching & strengthning your Majesties Dominions w^ch^ : is one great designe off our Settling & tradeing in your parts; & therefore since we are ffaithfully united & agreed in an unviolable freindshipp, I hope your care & love will be Continued to us, to the future advantage of both Nations tho hitherto it has only been a place off great loss of his Majesties English Subjects, & a vast expence to the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ : as well by bad Debts, great charges of Shipping, w^th^ : small & Slow Investments but your Majesties Generous assurance of Supporting, & maintaining ye English Interest still encourages us to Continue our ffactoryes & people under your Governm^t^ : noe ways doubting your hon^r^ : & authority in the performance of all your ffaithfull engagements to his Majestie & the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ :

The reason of our ffortefying att Bencoolen was occationed by our first accidentall Setlement in those parts by the kinde Invitation, & encouragem^t^ : of that King as also the Healthfullness & Conveniency of the place, we being also, then Strangers to your Majesties power, & goodness, but he may make such alteration as you desier w^th^ : reason I hope the meantime will be to your Majesties Satisfaction as for other ℘ticulars of your letter I have with great respect Considered & recommended them to the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ : who noe doubt will gratefye your Majestie in all reasionable desiers.

I most humbly intreat your Majesties continued favour, & kindness to our Cheif affording him your best advice, & assistance in the management of the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ : business, in expedition in ladeing our Shipps who have Suffered much by the delays thereof, the Pryaman ffriggott not being yett arrived w^th^ : us, & severall other Europe Shipps likely to loose their passage for want off an early dispatch w^ch^ : redound greatly to the R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ : loss, & disapoyntment, w^ch^ : I hope your Majesties carefull orders & assistance will prevent for the future.

The Worp^ll^ : Cheif has wrott me largely in prais of your hon^r^ : goodness & justice & that he is much obliged to your Majesties faithfull care of them, & y^e^ : R^t^ : Honble : Comp^a^ : affairs w^ch^ : I humbly begg your Continuance off, & in token to my thanckfulness to your past favours have made you an humble acknowledgment of my respects, in a small presant w^ch^ : I beg your Majesties acceptance off

wch : wth : my continued prayers for your Majesties health happiness & victory over your Enemyes to the great increas of your kingdomes, & Gloryes assureing your Majestie I am upon all occations

Your imperiall Maj :
Most ffaithfull obliged & obedient
Servant

ffort St : George
ye : 18 October 89.

Elihu Yale.

The 19 : October 1689.

To his Excellency Sr : John Child Knt :
Generll : for the Rt : Honble : Compa :
of all their affairs by Sea : Land Forces
In India &ca : Councill.

May it pleas your Excell : &ca :

The past month we recd : the Rt : Honble : Compa : & your severall advices by your Cossetts wherein we are extream Sorry to read the Continued troubles but hope your brave Defence, & resistance will wary the Enemy to a peace or departure from the Island to wch : the forces & Supplyes by the Kempthorne & Diana may Contribute much & we shall gladly here that your trety att Daman may conclude in a firme & honourable peace wch : our poor afflicted freinds att Surratt give us great hopes off ; yesterday receiving letters from them by a ffrench Conveighance wch : came very oportunely to advise the Honble : Compa : of by Shipp Dorrothy who this day Sailed with a Considerable Cargo for England, God send her a safe arrivall, We herewith send Duplicates of our Letters to our Rt : Honble : Masters wch : after the ꝑusall of them pleas to forward by first oportunity wherein we have given their Honrs : a faithfull, & ꝑticularr Acct : of the State of their affairs to this instant under or : directions wch : we wish were in a happyer posture we will not trouble you wth : reputition thereof humbly referring you thereto wishing all things in a more prosperous Condition to wch : we shall Contribute all Indevours in our power, & tho we are often threatned & allarmd wth : the nois of assaults, & Seiges, yett we thanck God weare yett safe, & free, & in all apperance have as freindely & amicable Correspondance from the severall Camps & Country Governments as ever ; but we cannot beleive we shall remain long so, if yor : Excell Continues the Warr att Bombay, however we shall endeavour to avoyd a breach yett we are so well providd : for it as we doubt not to Defend the placle [place] & our rights against all oppositions, and tho the Moguls forces has done or attempted noe injuries against us here yett your Excellency will read a Sad Acct : of the Seizure of the Honble : Compa : ffactoryes & Concerns att Metchlepatam & Viziagapatam & of the Cutting of the Cheif & several others there wch : we beleive was occationed by their vain opposition of their fforces but we have yett noe Certain advice thereof or the reason of it what we are informed thereof we herewth : send the Rt : Honble : Compa : & your Excell, & we shall endeavour to releas, & recover our people and Concerns there.

We have much better news from Bengall as you will read in the new Nabobs Ebrahim Cawns ꝑ wanna inviteing us thither to a welcome & Secure Settlement, & trade upon our former priviledges wch : we cheifly send this Shipp to advise you of desiering your Excellencyes &ca : Suddain order therein since of ourselves we have noe power to act that weighty affair, nor if we had could we safely doe it till we know your Condition & resolutions about the warr therefore we pray your Excell : &ca : as soon as possible to send full instructions, & directions how to proceed therein wch : we shall await for.

By this Shipp the Saphir ffriggott Capt : Tuers Commander we send what Supplyes of Powder Shott &ca : we can Conveniently spare wch : tho your Excell &ca : were not pleased to write us for yett we finde in the letter to the Agent of

Bengall that you are in want off them wch: if soe, & that the warr Continues will be A Seasionable Supply; if otherwise that you are in peace then we shall have noe occation for them therefore we hope the Honble: Compa: & you will approve the Service, we have noe shels [orter peices however it may be very Servisable in Slinging off Stones.

The President has also by her Consigned to his Excellency 30: Pipes of Canary for Acct: of the Owners of Shipp Dorrothy the ffreight of wch: we referr to you to make, and receive, & we hope they will be welcome, & Servisable to you reserving a Suffitiency of them for this place.

Our greatest trouble att presant is the Scarcity & dearness of all Sorts of bale goods soe that we are not able to Invest the Compa: Stock our Southerne ffactoryes Merchants haveing relinquisht their Contracts for those sorts of goods the Honble: Compa: require by reason of the wars & troubles in those parts; our merchants here are also very backward in their old Investment, & very averse & fearfull to undertake a new, soe that we are att a great loss whatt Cource to take to employ the Honble: Compa: Stock & lade their Shipps if we doe not resettle in Bengall, wch: is now our greatest dependance.

To our wonder we have yett noe Shipp or or [*sic*] news from England more then what we receive from the Dutch advises to the: 5: of January last wch: we herewth: send your Excell God grant the troubles in England, & Europe may soon Conclude to his glory, & the good off the Nation; we shall take all due care to receive what we can upon Hagartons sevll: demands tho some of the ℘sons are absent.

Upon Mr: John Beards request & the vacation of business we have ℘mitted him to take his passage upon this Shipp to looke after some Concerns that requiers his care to whome we intreat your kindeness, & assistance, he being one of the Bengall Councill & a Sober young man well recommended to us from the Rt: Honble: Compa: as also for the memory of their faithfull Servt: his worthy good father.

We can say noe more to the list of the Chinesees losses [. . .] their Junck wth: Mr: Barron only that we beleive it to be mostly true but that it noe ways Concerns the Compa: it being their volluntary & ℘ticular adventures, thoe we doubt Mr: Sallaways unadvised rect: thereoff, & inconsiderate promises abt: it may create some trouble to our Ships wch: otherwise they could have noe pretence for however we thincke the best way now will be to take notice thereof to the Genll: of Amoy except he give us farther trouble therein, & then there will be a necessety to defend the Honble: Compa: & our Selves from his unreasionable Demands.

We herewth: send a list of the Shipps Compa: wth: their pay stores & charge wch: we referr to your Excell: Dispose wch: if it be to returne hither then to order her to goa & those parts to bringe us a loadeing of Arrack Planck Coyre &ca: wch: may in some measure Compensate ye: charge of her voyage we are also sendeing a small Shipp directly to the West Coast, & another to Maddigascar to purchase Cofferyes, & to Sail thence wth: them to Yorke ffort att Bencoolen to raise & Defende their ffortification they being very importunate wth: us for them they being more laborious, & healthfull on the West Coast then other people.

We have noe more to add then to wish Yor: Excell: &ca: & the Rt: Honble: Compa: affairs peace safe & prosperity wch: is, & shall be the Sealous prayers off

Yor: Excell: &ca:
Most ffaithfull & obedient

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thoms: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm: ffraser.
Willm: Cawly.
Thoms: Gray.

To Capt: William Tuer
Commander of Shipp Saphir.

Haveing laden aboard you what we intend these are to order you, & your Ships Compas: repair aboard, & imediate Sayleing for the Port of Bombay where you goe consigned to his Excell: Sr: John Child Genll: &ca: Councill for Acct: of the Rt: Honble: English East India Compa: whose orders, & Commands you are to follow for the future, & in your way to touch att our Sevll: ffactoryes on that Coast delivering our Letters to them & takeing theirs for Bombay giveing them what other assistance they requierd we have ℘ mitted Mr: John Beard to take his passage upon your Shipp thither whome you are to give Convenient accomodation & if in any [accidt:] of immergency in the voyage to take his advice therein Pray be very carefull of the Powder to keep it from damage or accidents as also: 30: pipes of Canary from being imbezled wch: his Excell: &ca: being to pay freight for soe wishing you a Safe & good Voyage we date these att ffort St: George in the City of Maddrass this 24: Octobr: 1689.

Eihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Tho: Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wm: Fraser.
Wm: Cawly.
Tho: Gray.

Commission & Instructions To Mr: Watson & Capt: James Perriman for their Voyage to Maddagascarr, &ca: Upon the Pearle ffriggott.

The Cheif &ca: att Bencoolen adviseing us the great want of Cofferyes for the Rt: Honble: Compa: Service there we have thought fitt to employ your Shipp She being newly, & well fitted on this Voyage for the buying of Slaves att Mallagascar to wch: purpose we have laden & consigned to you for the Rt: Honble: Compa: accot: a propper & Suffitient Stock & Cargoe wch: we refer to your care & management hopeing you will answer our orders, and expectations therein but haveing noe Settlement or people there to recomend you to we must leave the more to your discretions & informations & Journall of the Rebeccaes, & other Voyages thither wch: the experience of some on board you may direct you therein so can give you noe more then a Genll: advice to deport your Selves & negotiate your business wth: care caution & prudence that you may nither fall into Surprize by the Natives, or give them any just occation of ofence by your Carriages to & dealeing wth: them & the ladeing being cheifly in Cofferyes we would have you buy so many of them as your Shipp is able to Carry wth: Conveniency, & Safety, & that you Invest the remaynder off your Stock in such other Comodityes, & provitions as that Island affords to dd: either att Bencoolen if they have occation or bring them back to this place but if it should happen that you could not procure a trade either by wars att the place through the miscarriages of some English lately there or any other accidents, we would have you goe to the Severall Ports on that Island where if you are disapoynted we would have you then proceed to the Island of Comroe or the Coast of Musbeaque where we hope you may be Succesfull & after the dispatch yor: ladeing & business att any off these places then to Sail with your Cargo directly for the Port off Bencoolen where you goe consigned to the Govr: &ca: whose orders after your arrivall you are to follow both as to the ladeing & dispatch who we have wrott according to Compa: orders to detain you noe longer then two months on that Coast except upon some exterordinary occation require, & dureing your whole Voyage we recomend, and charge you, to live peaciably Soberly, & Amicabely, & to keep good orders aboard your Shipp to be Constant in your Publicke dayly devotion, & to manage the Rt: Honble: Compa: charge with you wth: fidellity care & frugal [lety] keepeing a due Acct: of all transactions & Expences, [&] a regular Diary of all things, remarkable, worthy our Notice that we may be better enformed

and directed in the trade, & navigation of those parts; and also the manner & Condition of the people & Government,&ye Severall Comodityes, Drugs, & provitions, the Country affords & what may be most acceptable, & vendable wth: them as also ye Cituation, & Conveniencyes, of Ports, & places, & to prevent disputes, & differences as to precedency Mr: Watson being a Merchant of some years Standeing in the Compa: Service we appoynt him Cheif, & the Chair but to Consult with the Capt: in all Transeactions, in case of Mortallity the Cheif Mate to Succeed in his Commission besides with the Capts: Command Charge & care of the Shipp both in her Navigation & expences wch: he is to keep a Journall, and ℘ticularr Acct; of delivering in the same Monthly to Mr; Watson as also of the expences of the Stores Amunition, & provition, all wch: we enjoyne you daily to observe so wishing you a prosperous Voyage, & safe returne to us we date these presants att ffort Sr: George in the City off Maddrass this 22: Octobr: 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FFRASER.
WM: CAWLY.
THOMS: GRAY.

TO THE WORPLL: GOVERNR:
&CA: ATT BENCOOLEN. 22 OCTOBER 1689.

You haveing lately advised us of the great want of Cofferyes for the Rt: Honble: Compas: Service we therefore have laden & dispatcht this Shipp for Mallagascar &ca: for the procury of Slaves to bring them thence to your Port wch: we hope they will be Succesful in, after whose arrivall wth you we order you to lade, & dispatch her hither as soon as possibely & Strictly to observe the Rt: Honble: Compa: order not to detain her above two months except some Exterordnary occation requier but we hope she being a small Shipp you will lade & dispatch her Sooner, & by her send us the welcome advices of the prosperity of your affairs under your Care giveing us due Crdt: for all you receive from on board this Shipp wth: a perticular Acct: thereof; and if Mr: Watson desiers to remayn wth: you we appoynt him Seconde of your place or Indria[pore] or his choice to-returne hither upon the Shipp [wch :] is all ℘sents from

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FFRASER.
WM: CAWLY.
THOMS: GRAY.

TO CAPT: JAMES PERRIMAN
COMANDER OF YE: PEARLE FFRIGGOTT.

Haveing laden on board you what we thinck Convenient for the presant designe & Voyage for the Rt: Honble: Compas: Acct: these are to order you & your Compas: imediate repair on board to weigh Anchor, & make the best of your way to the Island of Maddagascar or Coast of [Musbeaque] if you cannot obtain the first or that you should not be ℘mitted to trade there recomending the Navigateing part of the Voyage & expences of the Shipp, & Stores wth: the good order thereof to your speciall care & managemt: duly entering all things of Moment in your Journall wth: an Acct: of your disbursements, & accidents in your Voyage wch: we wish may be prosperous to you to the well affecting of your designed business Your safe arrivall att Bencoolen & yearly returne to us

requireing your respects, & Civility to Mr : Watson &ca : & ℘ticular care of the Slaves as shall be laden on board you dateing these ℘sants att ffort St : George in the Citty of Maddrass this [*lacuna*] of October 1689.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM : FRASER.
WM : CAWLY.
THO : GRAY.

TO THE GOVERNR : OF METCHLEPATAM &CA :

I was obliged to your kinde letter & promisees of the delivery of our timbers &ca : att Pettipolee & the assisting our affairs att Metchlepatam, and those parts wth : Invitation, & encouragement to send our people to resettle our ffactory, & trade, wch : I intended to doe so soone as the great & good Allumgeers will please to Confirme our old priviledges by his gratious Phirmaund however in the meantime I both desiered & designed a most freindely Correspondance wth : you, & all men expecting the same from your kinde assurances, & promises, but to my great Surprize & admiration I lately recd : the bad news of your Seizing the Rt : Honble : Compa : ffactory with all their goods & other Concerns therein but for what reason or provocation I neither know nor can I Imagin ; therefore pray Satisfy me therein.

If any free Englishmen [have] without my leave entred our ffactory, and made use [of] it for their own business, & trade Contrary to my allow[ance,] or if they have any ways miscarried themselves unto you or offended you, & the Governmt : I am wholy a Stranger to it disowning them & such their unlawfull actions wch : when I am Acquainted with, I shall send for them [&] reprehende or Correct them for their faults wch : the Compa : & [I are] not any ways answerable for ; therefore pray lett not [these] Errors any ways break our freindshipp ; for I intend nothing but what is kinde & good ; therefore pray deliver up our ffactory wth : the goods, &ca : to our Servants the Dubash & Bramini otherwise I shall look upon it as a war or Robery, & right the Honble : Compa : the best way I can, but I doubt not of your wisdome, & prudence to prevent such difference, since I wish you all health & happiness.

ELIHU YALE.

TO THE RT : WORPLL : CHEIF &CA : COUNCIL
ATT THE RT : HONBLE : COMPAS FFACTORY
ATT RUTTERA.
[COPY TO] (THREE FFACTORYES.)

The universall discouragement and troubles our Rt : Honble : Masters affairs are att ℘sant under In India occation the dispatch of this Shipp for Bombay & ordered her caleing att your Port as well for your Accomodation & assistance as also to Carry what advices Supplyes, & Concerns you have to send to Bombay wch : we have orderd the Capt : to receive, and take care of tho we are in hopes by late advices from Surratt the Genll : &ca : treaty with the Moguils Commissioner &ca : att Daman may have concluded in an honourable peace however this oportunity may be servisable to you, desiering you would detain her noe longer then absolutely necessary our advices being of great importance we also intreat your kinde assistance to Mr : Jno : Beard & the Comãnder, in what theirs & ye : Shipps occations requier adviseing the Genll : & us thereof as to this place thancks be to the Almighty we are Still in as great peace, and security as ever wth : the Country Governmt : tho our ffactoryes &ca : at Metchlepatam, & Viziagapatam are lately Seized upon as is reported by the Moguls orders, the Chief &ca :

Servants of our people att Viziagapatam inhumanly Massecred wch : by the information we have proceeded from their vain, & unadvised opposistion of the Numerous forces that assalted ym : We hartely wish you, & the Rt : Honble : Compas : Concerns may escape their Voyolence the greatest troubles we att ℘sant lye under is the Scarcity of goods & dulness of trade, wch : better times can only recover, therefore it must make you the more industrious in the emproveing the trade of [your] parts, for the employing, & ladeing the Honble ; Compas : [Stock] & Shipping tho noe endeavour shall be wanting in [us] in takeing all oportunityes for it wch : with our prayers [for the] safety & prosperity of yr : persons, & Rt : Honble : Compa : affairs is all from

The same Contents to the
Severll : Subordinate ffactoryes
on the Coast of India.

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm : Fraser.
Wm : Cawly.
Thoms : Gray.

Fort St : George 23th Octo : 1689.

To Mr : John Nicks Chief
&ca : Council.

In answer to your Severalls wee are glad to hear your Merchants grow active in their Dutyes, and likely to compleat their contract and that ye : french Merchants are more inclinable to an agreement with us, but their tearms are yet to precize considering the Strickt limitts we are under about fine goods but rather then break with them we may posibly adventure upon a small complyance, in consideration of our great dead Stock and loss of our Factorys and trade to the Northward but wee must endeavour to Obay the Honble : Companys orders near as posibly, therefore you may treat with ye : Cudalore Merchants also, about an Investment in Cours goods, they haveing been allways more Just & punctuall, the Porto Novo Merchants who we are glad to hear they are likely to finish their Contract You may encourage them to bring in what more they can assureing them of ready payment upon deliver Mr : Samuell Swinock and Mr : Giffith wee have ordered to take care and an accot : of the repair of ye : Honble : Compas : Shipping there haveing now Sent the Bencolen also hopeing their is water enough for her Since wee have now noe other convenient place to fits [*sic*] them att they must also receive the goods from those Merchants therefore Spare them Six peons and a Conacoply allowing Mr : Swinock Pags 5 ℘ month and the writer 3 for their charge and expences of their Diet and no more, you must also furnish them with what money and materialls they may have occasion for the repair of ye : Ships for wch : they are accountable for to you and follow your orders therein Wee permit your frugall building wt : their is an absolute [?] occasion for either for conveniency or Saifty these troublesome daingerous times we shall provide you with what you write for as soon as possibly and intend one of those Vessells at Porto Novo for your Port as soon as fitted and ye : dainger of the Monsoons is over Sort [no] more Brown long cloth No : 1 : neither at your place or Porto Novo it being to thin and corse to send home for England Pray continue your enquiryes and advice of the transactions and warfair in your parts and be sure to keep frindeship with the Morattae Goverment but as privately as possibly which is all present from

Your faithfull Affect : frinds

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Tho : Wavell.
Jn : Cheney.
Will : Fraser.
Wm : Cawley.
Tho : Gray.

May it Pleas Yo^r^: Majesty.

The Wellcome news of your Maties: arrivall to the Chengie Kingdome was to greate and strainge for our beleife since we could not think Yo^r^: Maties: would hazzard your sacred person in soe troublesome and dangerous a Journey But I am now fully enformd and sadisfyed of the trueth thereof and of your Maties: Generous love and care of your subjects in these parts as to bring them encouragement and blessing of your Glorious presence and assistance which the Allmighty graunt may prove Victorious against your Enemies and to express our Joy therein and Dutyfull respects to your M^atie^: I now send by M^r^: John Nicks our Chiefe of Conomeer Factory an humble present which beggs your Maties: kinde acceptance and that your Matie: will please to encourage and favour our present and future settlements and trade within your Maties: territories by the graunt of your Maties: Gracious Phirmaund to confirme our former privileges and such new ones as your Maties: shall graciously be pleasd to conferr upon us w^ch^: will ever oblige our most faithfull services and pray for the encrease of your Victorious Renowne with all desirable Hon^r^: and hapyness in this world and the greatest to eternity begging your Maties: favour and pardon for this presumtious trouble I humbly Kis your Maties: hand and conclude.

ELIHU YALE.

TO THE GOVERN^R^ OF
MADDAPOLLAM.

I rec^d^: your kinde letter and am not only by that sattisfyed of your great kindness and frindShipp but also from our people and severall other reports wherein you have greatly obligd me in so much that I shall take all oppertunities to retalliate your civillities in the meantime have sent you a small token of my love and respect desireing your kind acceptance of it and also y^t^: you will continue your frindly assistance to our people and there [affects] under your Goverment as also in the procury of the [Persia] freight undoubtedly in the end will redound to your great sattisfaction and reputation for I neither know nor can imagene the reason of thease last sevear orders since I am no wais cautious that I have disobliged or injured any person or rec^d^: anything from any man without a just payment nor have I any ways affronted or differed with the Goverm^t^: but continued a fair and friendly correspondance in all parts what our Cuntremen may have acted in other places I neither know nor have a hand in and therefore I hop I cannot reasonably be ansurable for others falts the managment of my own Goverm^t^: is what I am accountable for wherein I have not willingly wronged or offended any and this you may beleive for tis untoubtedly [*sic*] true which is all I have to trouble you at present but my wishes for your health and happyness.

ELIHU YALE.

TO HIS EXCELL ABRAHIME CAWN
NABOB OF BENGALL FOR THE
MIGHTY ALLUMGEER.

Tho I am a strainger to your Excell person I cannot be so to your Vertues the fame of your Justice and goodness filling all places with y^r^: praises and tis my greatest satisfaction & Joy that so eminently good a Nobob is at last come at last to the charge of those distressed parts by whose wisdome and prudence and the Allmightys blessing upon y^r^ endeavours I hope and doubt not will recover all to its former place and plenty to which I shall contribute all in my power should have soon^r^: complyd with your desires for our Returning to our Settlem^ts^: and trade upon ye generous Invitatious encourgm^ts^: Your Excell have bin pleased to give us with assurance of Justice for past ingueries and to prevent them for the futore that we may saifely send our ships treasure as formerly to the great Hon^r^: and proffitt of the King & his Govern^t^: & employing and maintaining many thousands of poor poople y^t^ undoubtedly Suffer much by our absence the Dutch

and other Europ Nations not bringing there 10th part of the ready money we have yearly done the Chef of there trade being in bartering goods for Goods which can never inrich a Kingdome Tis ready money is the life of all as well martiall as Mercantile affaires wch your Ex; in your kind Phyrwana to me Seems to have a right Judgment of.

The Monsoons being yet N^{oly}: obstruct and prevent me of sending our people to obay your Commands wch I shall doe [as] soon as ye winds will ꝑmitt in ye mean time I humbly entreat y^{r}: Excell will give me ye Hon^{r} of another letter and with a Second Confirmation for the libertys and securitys you will Confirm to us in our settlem^{ts}: in the Bay & y^{t} you will pleas to recommend the affair's to the King & procure his gracious Phyrmane for us to prevent all future mistakes and diffirences with will be a lasting honour to your Excell: memory for ye replanting so considerable a people and advantage to his Countrey for which we also shall be greatfull in our acknowledgem^{t} and services and the more your Excell does for us herein the more our gratitude will be oblidged to you I most humbly thank your generous kind enlargem^{t}: of ye poor English so severely Confined & used by the late Nabob whos Averice & injustice would have certainly ruined that poor Countrey if ye Allmighty had not prevented it by Y^{r}: Exc: coming I must still humbly requiest y^{r} kindness & Charity to y^{m} they being unconcernd and innocent from any of our late troubles & have greatly Suffered for ye faults of others but since your Nature only incline You to Virtue & Goodness I nead say noe more in their behalf nor trouble Y^{r} Excell; further then to asure You of my harty Wishes & Zealous prayer for the continuance of your health & great encrease of Y^{r} honour & hapynes desiering to be honoured with your Commands upon all Occasions.

Elihu Yale.

Mr Charles Eyers & Braddill.

The foregoing is what wrote you by the former Cossetts to which we have little to add more then the Coppy of ye Presid^{ts}: enclosed letter to ye Nabob whose oringinall pray diliver it with all respect & Care discoursing him on ye same Subjects we have wrote which wee hop will more engage his friendship to us to ye procureing of ye Kings Phyrm^{d}: for our Secure returne of our Settlm^{t}: and trade without which twill be very doubtfull & hazardous more especiellay if this new Nabob should be diplac'd his continuance being as uncertaine as his predecesors [and we] are something doubtfull that his good Resolutions may be [altered] by some Seveare orders from ye Mogule Since ye Ruby [that] came from Ballasore found a very ill & unkind entertainm^{t}: [there,] denying them trade as also water & provisions of which we would have you enquiere & give us a right acco^{t}: thereof whether the Master or the Ships people were not in the fault & the occasion thereof as also of all other tranceactions that may import us or y^{r} R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as} affairs with your opinion and advice ab^{t}: sending our people & stock down into the Bay in Aprile or May next.

The Chandos arrived ye 5 Ins^{t} from England [with] Astonishing news of ye alteration of ye Goverm^{t}: and troubles in Europe which we doubt is like to end in a tedious Warr which our next will give you a more ꝑticular acco^{t}: of till when we remain

Y^{r} aff frinds
Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Will Fraser.
W^{m}: Cawley,
Tho: Gray.

To His Excellcy:

Nabob for the Mogulls forces &

Govermt in Gingerlee.

May it pleas your Excellc̃ :

I was lately surpris'd & astonished with the straing sad new [s] we recd: from our people in your parts that our Cheife & Second & Severall others of the Compas: Servants were barborousley murthered in our Factory by your forces and that the rest of our people who were saved from there Cruelty were carryd Captives up the Country and the Rt: Honble: Compa: factory Treasure goods & Concern's seizd upon but by whos order or for what reason I cannot yet be Informed nor can Immagine it to be occasioned by you Since twas by your encouragement & Invitation I sent people and ye Honble: Compas: estate theither who have allways deported themselves peacably & quiettly to all never haveing given the least occasion of offence or Complaint against & much less for Such cruell & unhumane usage & one ye Contrary it has bin our & there Cheifes Study and endavovrs to oblige you by supplying you with all necessarys both for Conveniency & warr and att all times ready and willing to give you all ye assistance in our pouer which your Excell: hase formerly often owned and acknowledg'd but what Should make soe grate [an] alteration now is a matter of great wonder to me since [our] money and trade wase so beneficiall to your Country [poor] people In maintaining and employing many thousands of [them] with very little advantage to ye Honble: Compa: it being greater charges then proffit to ym but the hops we had that time would better that trade encouraged our Continuance there nor can our differance & troubles at Surrat or Bengall be any just reason or pretence for this Voyolent breach of peace since there variance can no wayes be imputed a fault in me Since I neither have bin nor am concernd therein but always maintaind an Inviolable amity & frindship with all ye Govermts on ye Coast whereever our people or trade were Settled nor have we wronged any person of any thing whatever nor impeeded or obstructed any of your vessells boats or any other trade whatsoever but rather encourag'd and assisted you and yr people therein frely giveing our passports to all that desiered them and can any of these kindnesses and servises deserve [?] such cruell useage as we have recd: from your people but I beleve you good and wise I must desire you to make ye case your own & consider well ye unreasonableness & cruelty of theas actions & to [*lacuna*] rest and repaire them as much as possible, since I doe hereby require and expect a just and full satisfaction for all the Injuries done us and the Rt: Honble: Compa: & that our people under confinemt: with you be restored to there libertyes and our treasure and goods be freely and punctualey deliverd to them & that they have freedome either to continue at our factory or returne (I haveing released your boat men brought by our People thence) heither with what belongs to them which if you refuse I must endavour to gett what satisfaction & reparation I can & I beleive it I want neither force of pouer to take it tho I had much rather continue our frindship & trade in peace & quiettness & it must be a great provocation that forces me to ye Contrary therefore Consider well upon it timely to prevent the Mischeifes that may insue to you and yr: people by the denyall of these our reasonable demands & Justice upon those bloody Villaines that so barboursly murthered our people unarmed and in Cold blood without the least offence or provocation to you or your Govermt : nor can Differance in other parts be any [just] reason for it since it is not in your power nor [mine] to prevent ye troubles or mischeifs of other Govermt: nor dose it concerne you or me what they doe at Surrat or Bengall Since we are only accomptable for our own Govermt: & charge & while we discharge that well there can be noe more expected from us, all which I leave to yr wise and prudent Consideration desiring to heare from you & know your Resolution herein Wishing you health and happiness I conclude.

Elihu Yale.

To Mʀ : Fleetwood &cᴬ :

Wee were extreamly surprizd & sorry for yᵉ sad news lately rece[d] : from your parts of the inhuman murther of M[r] Stables M[r] Hall &c[a] : y[e] confinem[t] : of y[e] rest & y[e] seizure of w[th]out y[e] least reason or provocation y[t] we can hear of yet but we hope our Presid[t] letter to Sear Lascar will moleife or terrifie him to a Compossiton & Justice y[e] Coppy whereof wee herewith send you for y[e] perusall & deportm[t] : and you may accordingly reason & argue the matter with him which we hope will procure y[e] freedome of yourselves and Conserns & return to y[e] factory which so we would have you gett all the goods you can in readyness & send them to us by y[e] first oppertunity tho the charges be extordinary since we have great occasion for them & that you particularly advise us of the occasion begining & continuance of these Crueltys & unhappy troubles y[t] we may take our Measures accordingly however in y[e] mean time deport yourselves with all sivelity & prudence that you may oblige there friendship and enlargm[t]. y[e] 5 Ins[t] : arrived with us our Ship from England with considerable supplys of Sold[r] : with forces and amunition fitt for any exploit we may have occasion for which you may accidenly lett them know of which with our wishes for your health & libertys is all from

Your affectionat frinds

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Will Fraser.
W[m] Caley.
Thomas Gray.

To Worrp[ll] : Bar: Harris Agent
for the R[t]. Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : affairs &c[a] : Fort S[t] : George 13 No.

By the Saphir Frigatt lately dispached [since] for Bombay We fully advised the state of y[e] R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] : affairs here & at Bengall concluding they have reached you long before this We excuse y[e] repetition nor is there more to add we being still in the saim quiett posture we then advised of we hope to continue so and that the arrivall of Rama Raja in Chengee may divert if not prevent the Mogulls troubling us here tho we rather wish Generall has concluded & settled all by an Hon[ble] : peace with him without which we cannot reasonable expect a seure trade or settlem[t] : any where in his dominion nor that your dear libertys which y[e] Allmighty grant may be soon & lasting.

The 5 Ins[t] : arrived y[e] Chandos from England with a small Stock but with such great and strange news as surpriz'd and astonished us y[e] Prince and Prince's of Orange being Proclaimed King and Queen of England and the late King James &c[a] in France with other Various alterations which are to numerous to insert here but for your further satisfaction of the weightiest we hear with send you a Proclimation which according to order has been published here with the usuall solemnityes. The Chandos sailed from England y[e] 7 of March and brings us y[e] advice of y[e] wellcome arrivall of the Modena there and that y[e] Herbert & y[e] Benjamine were disignd out for Bombay if y[e] troubles in England & Scasity of Seamen does not prevent them the Severall packetts letters for Bombay &c[a] : we shall Suddainly Send by a Sea convayance if procureable if not Via Goa recommending them to be forwarded by the Governour this comes by a french Convayance which we doe desier you will also make use of to advise us y[e] accurances in your parts and Bombay it being of great consequence to us here So wishing you health liberty & happiness wee remaine

Y[r] Faithf[ll] : Affect to Serve you

Elihu Yale. Will : Fraser.
John Littleton. W[m] : Cawley.
Thomas Wavell. Thomas Gray.
John Cheney.

To Mr George Pawlin &ca:

Fort St: George 9th: Dec. 89.

Being advisd that your disapoyntment of ye Persia freight has Resolved your ship hither I desire you will bring upon your Ship what goods Powder Gunns Amunition houshold stuf tymber or any thing elce for ye Honble: Compa: at their factory of Maddapollam that you can possibly bring a way as also what timber &ca: our Bramines &ca: shall lode upon you for which I will pay you freight upon their arrivall ; the Compa: have allso about 23 tymbers and Pettipole which you will oblige them in to bring a way but I doubt these late troubles will make it a difficalty however pray try your Skill and I shall esteme it a kindness since we have great occasion for them.

I lately recd: a letter from ye Avaldore of Maddapollam &ca wherein he acquaints me of his kindness to you and your factory notwithstanding ye Mogulls sevear orderss for [?] wch: I have made him a present which I doubt not will also engage his future frindship and assistance for which I doubt not you will be also greatfull and deport yourselves with that Justice and prudence that I may have noe complaints against you which is all from

Your loveing frind
Elihu Yale.

To Mr John Nicks Cheif &ca: Councill.

December 13th 1689.

We have recd: and perused your severall letters and advices wherein we are very sory to read the continued backwardness of your Merchants in concluding their antient Investmt: and undertakings another, We doubt they to much magnify their troubles of the Country to excuse their remi[ssness] which you must not easily allow of but importuna[tely] press them as far as possibly for the discharge of [their] Contract otherwise we shall be at a great loss to lade a ship home in January next the disappointmt: of Viziagapatam and this place being so great that we doubt we shall not be able to make up half her Cargo therefore it behooves you to take the more care herein [n]or must you forget to better your sortments and observe our orders in receiveing no brown long cloth No1. it being as we rought formerly to ordinary for Europe Marketts therefore let that sort be washt better then formerly and sort to its No: umber white Continue still your treaty with the french Merchants and Cuddolor but if yours will not engage upon another Investmt: we may soe secure of them to manage the large stock we have by us which otherwiss will unavoidable lye dead but i[n] this we are obliged to keep strictly to ye Compa orders which are to buy them no bettelas or any other fine goods but there hole Investmt: to be in ordinary and Course goods which both we and you are to endaver to doe ym the best we can for from ye severall letters and other advices about Rama Raja Coming to Chengee we now believe to be untoutabley true since the french and Duch have already made their addresses and presents but their Circumstances and ye Compa being very different and disproportionably in that Govermt: ye french their Cheif residence and fortifecation being in that Govermt: & also the Dutch much more factorys and trade then we therefore it cannot be expected that we should be equall in that Charge however in consideration of ye Kings favourable assistance to ye Genaral of Bombay and ye occasion we may have for his friendship here obleges us to advance more then other ways which we hope will be an acceptable present being in a very good sort & furniture Broad cloth fine and ordinary with armes and other Curiositys which will [be so] servisable and pleasing that we hope you will [thereby] procure more advantagios priveledges for [ye Compas:] Settlemts and trad with a confirmation of ye old & his royall Phirmaund and by reason we cannot appear soe well from hence since it may be misconstrated offend & exasperate ye Govermt: against us to belive that we send supplys to ye Morattas against the Mogull We therefore order the Chief to goe from thence with a handsome Equipage and

Retinnue with Capt: Lasly 8 soldiers and at least 40 Peons with all there Neces^y and Accustomary attendance and formalityes where upon your arrivall you must deport yourself with that gravity and prudence as may pleas and oblige the King but by all means avoid all discours of the Mogull as much as possibly also [the helping] them either with men Aminnition or money which if they press you to you must excuse your Selves upon your being subordinary to this place & that you cannot promiss or act anything without our advice and order.

The President also sends you a congratulary letter to ye King which if you find Necessary to be delivered do so with all respect and Compliment but if it can be handsomely excused we think it will be better and engage us less on a correspondence that can be noe wayes advantagious to ye Comp^a: and one the other hand ye King may possibly resent ye disrespect if he receives not ye Presidents addressis Since there is to many of his attendance will mind him of it but this we leave it holy to your discresion and managm^t; We are very Sorry to read ye bad acco^t: you give us of ye R^t Honble: Comp^a: Shiping at Porto Novo ye Bencolen not yet getting into ye River and ye beaufert Sloop her worthless condition for ye first you must use all endeavors for her gitting into repair her Condition not rendering her capable of going into any other port and if ye Sloop is to bad as is resented [*sic*] we order you to breake her up to repair the rest employing ye Stors where there may occasion but that you first dispatch ye Samuell hither we haveing great occasion to send her to Bombay for the troubles at Porto Novo they are but w^t: is usuall and must be cleared by a small present as accustomary which pray lett not our buisness be delay'd for whatever Vessell you dispatch to us if you have not [bale] goods to lade them fill them up with timber fire[Works Chinam] hand Spik's or Palmera trees which we are [greatly] wanting of for ye Stockading of our fortifications.

Pray wright to them at Porto Novo to be care[full and] frugall [in there] repair and expences and that [the] Comp^a: have materialls & work for their money all [nesasarys] be bought as cheap as possible & every man be kept to their buisness.

Your Cash runs away apace but we hope you will be good husbands therein and keep a part acco^t thereof so intend to furnish you by ye first opportunity with 2,000 Pag^s: for ye supply of ye Garrison but ye waiyes being troublesom we judg it saifer to Send that and ye presant or a great part thereof by sea then we shall allso send you all necesarys factors provision as paper Quills Lequor &c^a of which you must be very spairing this Shipp bringing us but a very small supply thereof.

We Commend Mr Kings marsiall Inclinations but first he must well understand ye duty of a Sentinall before he climes to an officer as those Gentlemen here did the Governour advanced in that Imploy who served severall months as reformadoe duely performeing there duty which when Mr King has well discharged ye Governour will encourage him to his Meritts but in this you must also have a regard not to discourage our officers whose only hopes is there due succession and preferment which ought duly to be observed to all that deserve which with our respects it is what presents from

Elihu Yale.
John Littleton.
Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Will: Fraser.
W^m: Cawley.
Thomas Gray.

To M^r: John Nicks &c^a: Councill.

Fort S^t: George 20th Dec.

[We] lately wrott you ye Needfull this being to accomp[any . . .] Sampson who we appoynt Chiefe Dubash of y^e [factory] in place of Ancopa who we here has been y^e [. . .] occasion of some trouble to your Factory and

[. . . affairs] by his inconsiderate engaging to ye Duan for y^e^ [. . .] Dubash who we doubt intends not to returne to releace him haveing taken protection under ye Portugas Goverm^t^: however we shall endeavour to releas him from them notwithstanding Ancopos fault its intermedling with affairs that did not concers him to our disturbance therefore we discharge him and order his return hither.

We also send you ye Persian horse for ye Present to Ramo Raja whose youth Size & Shape we doubt not will make him very acceptable and notwithstanding his cost which ye Comp^a^: is favourd in yet we belive his vallue in those parts will not be less then 7 or 800 Pag^ds^: and soe you must Speak his worth ye rest of ye presents shall send by Sea ye first opportunity as also your factors provision and money which in ye meantime you may draw upon us to supply yours & Porto Novo occasions wherein pray hasten the repair & dispatch of ye Comp^a^: Vessells especially ye Samuell Sullup to send to Bombay & ye rest upon other occasions you must also press those Merchants as also your own to haisten ye Conclusion of there Contracts and bringing in as much more Cours goods as they can for which we shall supply you with ready money to sattisfye them pray doe your utmost herein.

And lett ye Vessells that come to you from Porto Novo be laden either with goods or wood and Palmeraes.

Capt^t^: Bonnells runaway Seamen being to many to [send] overland at once we would have you parcell them hither by 3 or 4 manacled under good gards and by ye last to send of ye charge you have ben at upon them that there Capt^t^: may discharge it.

We hope our handson present will soe oblige Rama Raja as to seace there unreasonable demands about 3000 loane which is a daingerous time for such curtecyes you must tell them of your great charge and little proffit or trade & that rather then comply you must leave the place.

And tho we send you many things for ye presant to Rama Raja and his Ministers yet we hope you will save much of it and supply it with good words and respects & soe manage [ye buisness that] ye Comp^a^: may be creddited and advantaged thereby [. . .] that presents from

Your Affect Frinds

ELIHU [YALE.]
JOHN [LITTLETON.]
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

POST SCRIPTE

Since ye foregoaeing considering that to delay our present to Rama Raja may be of ill consiquence to ye Honble: Comp^a^: affairs we therefore doe adventure to send it by land in charge of 30 Peons and an English horse man who we hope will conduct it safe to you to which you may add or deminish as you find requisite wherein be as frugall and considerat as possible ye amount of ye perticulars we shall send ye Invoice of when we send ye money and Factors provision.

Yours

ELIHU YALE.
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